

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 HB0689

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Creates the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall establish and maintain on its official website a searchable public database that includes specified information about property seized and forfeited under State law and under any agreement with the federal government. Provides that every law enforcement agency that seizes property subject to reporting under the Act shall report the specified information required under the Act on a monthly basis. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority may recoup its costs under the Act by charging a fee to law enforcement agencies required to file a report. Provides that the Act applies to provisions of law that authorizes a law enforcement agency to seize property alleged to have been used in or derived from the commission of a criminal offense. Creates the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Disbursement Law. Provides that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority shall award grants under the procedures of the Act for the disbursement of monies collected in the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund. Amends various Acts concerning criminal forfeiture to make conforming changes. Changes most forfeiture distributions from law enforcement agencies to the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund. Makes changes to the procedures and distribution of contraband proceeds to various governmental units and agencies.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

- 1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
- 5 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 6 Section 3. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act,
- 7 "Authority" means the Illinois Criminal Justice Information
- 8 Authority.
- 9 Section 5. Applicability. This Act is applicable to
- 10 property seized or forfeited under the following provisions of
- 11 law:
- 12 (1) Section 3.23 of the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic
- 13 Act;
- 14 (2) Section 44.1 of the Environmental Protection Act;
- 15 (3) Section 105-55 of the Herptiles-Herps Act;
- 16 (4) Section 1-215 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code;
- 17 (5) Section 1.25 of the Wildlife Code;
- 18 (6) Section 17-10.6 of the Criminal Code of 2012 (financial
- 19 institution fraud);
- 20 (7) Section 28-5 of the Criminal Code of 2012 (gambling);
- 21 (8) Article 29B of the Criminal Code of 2012 (money
- 22 laundering);

- 1 (9) Article 33G of the Criminal Code of 2012 (Illinois
- 2 Street Gang and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
- 3 Law);
- 4 (10) Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012 (seizure and
- 5 forfeiture of vessels, vehicles and aircraft);
- 6 (11) Section 47-15 of the Criminal Code of 2012 (dumping
- 7 garbage upon real property);
- 8 (12) Article 124B of the Code Of Criminal Procedure of 1963
- 9 (forfeiture);
- 10 (13) Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act;
- 11 (14) Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act;
- 12 (15) Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act;
- 13 (16) Illinois Securities Law of 1953; and
- 14 (17) any other provision of law that authorizes a law
- 15 enforcement agency to seize for the purpose of forfeiture
- 16 property alleged to have been used in or derived from the
- 17 commission of a criminal offense.
- 18 Section 10. Reporting by law enforcement agency.
- 19 (a) Each law enforcement agency that seizes property
- 20 subject to reporting under this Act shall report information
- 21 about property seized or forfeited under State law and under
- 22 any agreement with the federal government to the Illinois
- 23 Criminal Justice Information Authority each month which shall
- 24 include the following:
- 25 (1) the name of the law enforcement agency that seized

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- (2) the date of the seizure;
- (3) the type of property seized, such as a building, vehicle, boat, cash, negotiable security, or firearm, except reporting is not required for seizures of contraband including alcohol, gaming devices, drug paraphernalia, and controlled substances;
- (4) a description of the property seized and the estimated value of the property and if the property is a conveyance, the description shall include the make, model, year, and vehicle identification number or serial number;
  - (5) the location where the seizure occurred;
- (6) whether the seizure was adopted by the federal government, part of a joint task force with the federal government, or other arrangement with the federal government;
- (7) the alleged violation of law giving rise to the seizure;
- (8) whether any person has been convicted of a violation described in paragraph (7) of this Section;
- (9) whether an action for forfeiture of the property has been instituted;
- (10) if applicable, the disposition of the property through the forfeiture process, such as returned to owner, returned to third-party owner, sold, destroyed, or retained by law enforcement;

1	(11) if applicable, the date upon which the property
2	was disposed as described in paragraph (10) of this
3	Section; and
4	(12) if applicable, the value of the property
5	forfeited.
6	(b) Each law enforcement agency that expends proceeds from
7	the forfeiture of property subject to reporting under this Act
8	shall transmit to the Authority on or before January 31 of each
9	year for the prior calendar year the following information:
10	(1) the total amount of funds expended, in each of the
11	following categories, which resulted from property seized,
12	forfeited, or reported under Section 10 of this Act:
13	(A) abuse, crime, or gang prevention programs;
14	(B) compensation or services for crime victims;
15	(C) witness protection, informant fees, or
16	controlled purchases of contraband;
17	(D) salaries, overtime, or benefits, as permitted
18	by law;
19	(E) professional outside services, including
20	auditing, court reporting, expert witnesses,
21	attorney's fees, or membership fees paid to trade
22	associations;
23	(F) travel, meals, entertainment, conferences,
24	training, or continuing education seminars;
25	(G) other operating expenses including office
26	supplies, postage, or printing;

1	(H)	capital 6	expenditures	including	vehicles,
2	firearms,	equipment,	, computers,	or furniture;	and

- (I) other expenditures of forfeiture proceeds.
- 4 (2) the total value of forfeited property held by the 5 agency at the end of the reporting period.
- 6 (c) The commander of a multijurisdictional task force may
  7 appoint one agency to report its seizures.
- 8 Section 15. Illinois Criminal Justice Information 9 Authority seized and forfeited property database. The 10 Authority shall establish and maintain on its official website 11 searchable public database that includes all of the 12 information reported under subsections (a) and (b) of Section 10 of this Act. 1.3
- Section 20. Rules. The Authority shall adopt any rules necessary to implement this Act.
- Section 25. Procedures to compel compliance. The Authority
  may adopt procedures to compel a law enforcement agency's
  compliance with the reporting requirements under this Act.
- Section 30. Recoupment of costs. The Authority may recoup its costs under this Act by charging a fee to a law enforcement agency required to file a report under this Act. A law enforcement agency may use forfeiture proceeds to pay the costs

- of compiling and reporting data under this Act, and to pay any
- fees imposed by the Authority under this Section.
- 3 Section 50. Short title. Sections 50 through 85 may be
- 4 cited as the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Disbursement Law.
- 5 Section 55. Fund. The Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund is 6 created as a special fund in the State treasury to provide 7 monies for the grants to be awarded under this Law. The Justice 8 Illinois Criminal Information Authority 9 administer the disbursement of monies collected in the Asset 10 Forfeiture Proceeds Fund through the awarding of grants in accordance with the procedures in this Law. 11
- Section 60. Funding eligibility. The following entities shall be eligible to apply to the Authority for selection and funding under this Law:
- 15 (1) A public or private nonprofit agency, school district, 16 park district, or other unit of local government may apply for 17 funding for any of the following purposes:
- 18 (A) to provide residential or outpatient mental 19 health, substance abuse treatment, or aftercare services;
- 20 (B) to provide supportive services to victims of 21 domestic violence, sexual assault, or other violent 22 crimes;
- 23 (C) to provide education in the community or schools to

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1	promote prevention of the abuse of drugs or alcohol;
2	(D) to purchase opioid antagonists as defined in
3	Section 5-23 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and
4	Dependency Act; or
5	(E) to provide job training or employment services to
6	persons who are unemployed, employed in low-skill jobs,
7	low-wage jobs, or who have criminal records.
8	(2) Any State or local law enforcement agency may apply for
9	funding for any of the following purposes:
10	(A) to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of this
11	State;
12	(B) to administer gang intervention and prevention
13	programs;
14	(C) to purchase opioid antagonists as defined in
15	Section 5-23 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and
16	Dependency Act;
17	(D) to provide education in the community or schools to
18	promote prevention of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or

detection of violence.

of this State.

(E) for security cameras used for the prevention or

(3) A State's Attorney, the Office of the State's Attorneys

Appellate Prosecutor, or the Attorney General may apply for

funding to defray expenses incurred in the investigation,

prosecution, or appeal of cases arising under the criminal laws

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3	receive fund	ls und	er this	Taw:						

- (1) the stated goals of the applicants;
- 5 (2) the commitment and ability of the applicants to 6 provide the services described in this Law;
- 7 (3) the number of persons to be served and the needs of the community;
  - (4) evidence of community support;
- 10 (5) the organizational structure of the applicant 11 agency; and
- 12 (6) evidence that the applicant's proposed use of grant
  13 funds is likely to produce public safety benefits for the
  14 people of this State.
  - Section 70. Selection of applicants. After evaluation of all applicants, the Authority shall select a number of applicants which the Authority deems qualified under this Law for designation to receive funding under this Law. In making these grants, the Authority shall take into account the State's law enforcement priorities and needs identified by the Department of State Police.
- Section 75. Funding contracts. Funding contracts shall be entered into by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with each designated applicant on an annual basis.

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- 1 The Authority may require that a grant recipient provide
- 2 matching funds equal to the grant amount.
- 3 Section 80. Funding cancellation. The Authority may
- 4 evaluate each recipient prior to each fund dispersal and cancel
- 5 the remaining term of any contract in which the recipient has
- 6 failed to meet the contract requirements, or for any good
- 7 cause.
- 8 Section 85. Rules. The Illinois Criminal Justice
- 9 Information Authority may adopt rules to implement the
- 10 provisions of this Law.
- 11 Section 150. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
- 12 Section 5.878 as follows:
- 13 (30 ILCS 105/5.878 new)
- 14 Sec. 5.878. The Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund.
- 15 Section 155. The Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act is
- amended by changing Section 3.23 as follows:
- 17 (410 ILCS 620/3.23)
- 18 Sec. 3.23. Legend drug prohibition.
- 19 (a) In this Section:
- "Legend drug" means a drug limited by the Federal Food,

- 1 Drug and Cosmetic Act to being dispensed by or upon a medical
- 2 practitioner's prescription because the drug is:
- 3 (1) habit forming;
- 4 (2) toxic or having potential for harm; or
- 5 (3) limited in use by the new drug application for the 6 drug to use only under a medical practitioner's
- 7 supervision.
- 8 "Medical practitioner" means any person licensed to 9 practice medicine in all its branches in the State.
- "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer of possession of a legend drug, with or without consideration, whether or not there is an agency
- 13 relationship.
- 14 "Manufacture" means the production, preparation,
- 15 propagation, compounding, conversion, or processing of a
- legend drug, either directly or indirectly, by extraction from
- 17 substances of natural origin, or independently by means of
- 18 chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and
- 19 chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging
- of the substance or labeling of its container. "Manufacture"
- 21 does not include:
- 22 (1) by an ultimate user, the preparation or compounding 23 of a legend drug for his own use; or
- (2) by a medical practitioner, or his authorized agent
- under his supervision, the preparation, compounding,
- 26 packaging, or labeling of a legend drug:

1	(A)	as a	an	incident	t to	his	ad	ministe	ring	or
2	dispensi	ng of	а	legend	drug	in	the	course	of	his
3	profession	onal p	rac	tice; or						

(B) as an incident to lawful research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for sale.

"Prescription" has the same meaning ascribed to it in Section 3 of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

- (b) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly manufacture or deliver or possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver a legend drug of 6 or more pills, tablets, capsules, or caplets or 30 ml or more of a legend drug in liquid form who is not licensed by applicable law to prescribe or dispense legend drugs or is not an employee of the licensee operating in the normal course of business under the supervision of the licensee. Any person who violates this Section is guilty of a Class 3 felony, the fine for which shall not exceed \$100,000. A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this Section is guilty of a Class 1 felony, the fine for which shall not exceed \$250,000.
  - (c) The following are subject to forfeiture:
- 21 (1) (blank); all substances that have been 22 manufactured, distributed, dispensed, or possessed in 23 violation of this Act;
  - (2) all raw materials, products, and equipment of any kind which are used, or intended for use in manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, administering, or possessing any

_	substance	in	violation	of	subsection	(b)	of	this	Section
2	Act;								

- (3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of any substance manufactured, delivered, or possessed in violation of subsection (b) of this Section or property described in paragraph items (1) and (2) of this subsection (c), but:
  - (A) no conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to the a violation of this Act;
  - (B) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this Section by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his knowledge or consent; and
  - (C) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;
- (4) all money, things of value, books, records, and research products and materials including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data that are used, or intended to be

used in violation of subsection (b) of this Section Act;

- (5) everything of value furnished, or intended to be furnished, in exchange for a substance in violation of subsection (b) of this Section Act, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used, or intended to be used, to commit or in any manner to facilitate any violation of subsection (b) of this Section Act; and
- (6) all real property, including any right, title, and interest, including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust, in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any violation or act that constitutes a violation of <u>subsection</u> (b) of this Section 33.1 of this Act or that is the proceeds of any violation or act that constitutes a violation of <u>subsection</u> (b) of this Section 33.1 of this Act.
- (d) Property subject to forfeiture under this Act may be seized under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. by the Director of the Department of State Police or any peace officer upon process or seizure warrant issued by any court having jurisdiction over the property. Seizure by the Director of the Department of State Police or any peace officer without process may be made:

1	(1) if the seizure is incident to inspection under an
2	administrative inspection warrant;
3	(2) if the property subject to seizure has been the
4	subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a
5	criminal proceeding, or in an injunction or forfeiture
6	proceeding based upon this Act or the Drug Asset Forfeiture
7	Procedure Act;
8	(3) if there is probable cause to believe that the
9	property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or
_0	safety;
1	(4) if there is probable cause to believe that the
_2	property is subject to forfeiture under this Act and the
_3	<del>property is seized under circumstances in which a</del>
_4	warrantless seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
.5	(5) in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure
-6	of 1963.
_7	(e) (Blank). In the event of seizure pursuant to subsection
. 8	(c) of this Section, forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted
_9	in accordance with the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.
20	(f) (Blank). Property taken or detained under this Section
21	shall not be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the
22	custody of the Director of the Department of State Police
23	subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court
24	having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings and the
25	decisions of the State's Attorney under the Drug Asset

then the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of
the seized property and estimate the property's value, and
shall forward a copy of the inventory of seized property and
the estimate of the property's value to the Director of the
Department of State Police. Upon receiving notice of seizure,
the Secretary may:
(1) place the property under seal;

- (2) remove the property to a place designated by the Secretary;
- (3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency;
- (4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable instrument or money and is not needed for evidentiary purposes, deposit it in an interest bearing account;
- (5) place the property under constructive seizure by posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any appropriate public record relating to the property; or
- (6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the Director of the Department of State Police.
- (g) If the Department suspends or revokes a registration, all legend drugs owned or possessed by the registrant at the

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time of suspension or the effective date of the revocation order may be placed under seal. No disposition may be made of substances under seal until the time for taking an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals have been concluded unless a court, upon application therefor, orders the sale of perishable substances and the deposit of the proceeds of the sale with the court. Upon a revocation rule becoming final, all substances may be subject to seizure and forfeiture under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act forfeited to the Department.

(h) (Blank). If property is forfeited under this Act, then the Director of the Department of State Police must sell all such property unless such property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and shall distribute proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance with subsection (i) of this Section. Upon the application of the seizing agency or prosecutor who was responsible for the investigation, arrest or arrests, and prosecution that led to the forfeiture, the Director of Department of State Police may return any item of forfeited property to the seizing agency or prosecutor for official use in the enforcement of laws if the agency or prosecutor can demonstrate that the item requested would be useful to the agency or prosecutor in their enforcement efforts. If forfeited conveyance, including an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, is returned to the seizing agency or prosecutor, then the conveyance may be used immediately in the enforcement of

the criminal laws of the State. Upon disposal, all proceeds from the sale of the conveyance must be used for drug enforcement purposes. If any real property returned to the seizing agency is sold by the agency or its unit of government, then the proceeds of the sale shall be delivered to the Director of the Department of State Police and distributed in accordance with subsection (i) of this Section.

- (i) (Blank). All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized under this Act shall be distributed as follows:
  - enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies which conducted or participated in the investigation resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws.
  - (2) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the

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- (3) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in a separate fund of that office to be used for additional expenses incurred in the investigation, prosecution and appeal of cases. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall not receive distribution from cases brought in counties with over 3,000,000 population.
- (4) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State

  Police for expenses related to the administration and sale

  of seized and forfeited property.
- without a prescription or other authorization under State or federal law, is not subject to forfeiture. No property right exists in contraband. Contraband is subject to seizure and shall be disposed of according to State law.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 96-573, eff. 8-18-09.)

Section 160. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by

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1 changing Section 44.1 as follows:

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2 (415 ILCS 5/44.1) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1044.1)
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- Sec. 44.1. (a) In addition to all other civil and criminal penalties provided by law, any person convicted of a criminal violation of this Act or the regulations adopted thereunder shall forfeit to the State (1) an amount equal to the value of all profits earned, savings realized, and benefits incurred as a direct or indirect result of such violation, and (2) any vehicle or conveyance used in the perpetration of such violation, except as provided in subsection (b).
- 11 (b) Forfeiture of conveyances shall be subject to the 12 following exceptions:
  - (1) No conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section unless it is proven that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance consented to or was privy to the covered violation.
  - (2) No conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this Section by reason of any covered violation which the owner proves to have been committed without his knowledge or consent.
  - (3) A forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he neither had knowledge of nor consented to the covered violation.
    - (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), all property

- subject to forfeiture under this Section shall be seized pursuant to the order of a circuit court.
  - (d) Property subject to forfeiture under this Section may be seized by the Director or any peace officer without process:
    - (1) if the seizure is incident to an inspection under an administrative inspection warrant, or incident to the execution of a criminal search or arrest warrant;
    - (2) if the property subject to seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a criminal proceeding, or in an injunction or forfeiture proceeding based upon this Act; or
- 12 (3) if there is probable cause to believe that the property
  13 is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety.
  - (e) Property taken or detained under this Section shall not be subject to forcible entry and detainer or replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings. When property is seized under this Act, the Director may:
- 20 (1) place the property under seal;
- 21 (2) secure the property or remove the property to a place 22 designated by him; or
  - (3) require the sheriff of the county in which the seizure occurs to take custody of the property and secure or remove it to an appropriate location for disposition in accordance with law.

1	(f)	All	amounts	for	feited	under	item	(1)	of	subsection	(a)
2	shall be	e apr	ortioned	lin	the fo	llowin	a manr	ner:			

- 3 (1) 40% shall be deposited in the Hazardous Waste Fund 4 created in Section 22.2;
  - (2) 60% 30% shall be deposited into the Asset Forfeiture

    Proceeds Fund paid to the office of the Attorney General or the

    State's Attorney of the county in which the violation occurred,

    whichever brought and prosecuted the action; and
- 9 (3) (blank). 30% shall be paid to the law enforcement

  10 agency which investigated the violation.

Any funds received under this subsection (f) shall be used solely for the enforcement of the environmental protection laws of this State.

- (g) When property is forfeited under this Section the court may order:
- (1) (blank); that the property shall be made available for the official use of the Agency, the Office of the Attorney General, the State's Attorney of the county in which the violation occurred, or the law enforcement agency which investigated the violation, to be used solely for the enforcement of the environmental protection laws of this State;
- (2) the sheriff of the county in which the forfeiture occurs to take custody of the property and remove it for disposition in accordance with law; or
- (3) the sheriff of the county in which the forfeiture occurs to sell that which is not required to be destroyed by

- 1 law and which is not harmful to the public. The proceeds of
- 2 such sale shall be used for payment of all proper expenses of
- 3 the proceedings for forfeiture and sale, including expenses of
- 4 seizure, maintenance of custody, advertising and court costs,
- 5 and the balance, if any, shall be apportioned pursuant to
- 6 subsection (f).
- 7 (h) Property seized or forfeited under this Section is
- 8 subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting
- 9 <u>Act.</u>
- 10 (Source: P.A. 85-487.)
- 11 Section 165. The Herptiles-Herps Act is amended by changing
- 12 Section 105-55 as follows:
- 13 (510 ILCS 68/105-55)
- 14 Sec. 105-55. Illegal collecting devices; public nuisance.
- 15 Every collecting device, including seines, nets, traps,
- 16 pillowcases, bags, snake hooks or tongs, or any electrical
- device or any other devices including vehicles or conveyance,
- 18 watercraft, or aircraft used or operated illegally or attempted
- 19 to be used or operated illegally by any person in taking,
- transporting, holding, or conveying any reptile or amphibian
- 21 life or any part of reptile or amphibian life, contrary to this
- 22 Act, including administrative rules, shall be deemed a public
- 23 nuisance and therefore illegal and subject to seizure and
- 24 confiscation by any authorized employee of the Department. Upon

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the seizure of this item, the Department shall take and hold the item until disposed of as provided in this Act.

Upon the seizure of any device because of its illegal use, the officer or authorized employee of the Department making the seizure shall, as soon as reasonably possible, cause a complaint to be filed before the circuit court and a summons to be issued requiring the owner or person in possession of the property to appear in court and show cause why the device seized should not be forfeited to the State. Upon the return of the summons duly served or upon posting or publication of notice as provided in this Act, the court shall proceed to determine the question of the illegality of the use of the seized property. Upon judgment being entered that the property was illegally used, an order shall be entered providing for the forfeiture of the seized property to the State. The owner of the property may have a jury determine the illegality of its use and shall have the right of an appeal as in other civil cases. Confiscation or forfeiture shall not preclude or mitigate against prosecution and assessment of penalties provided in Article 90 of this Act.

Upon seizure of any property under circumstances supporting a reasonable belief that the property was abandoned, lost, stolen, or otherwise illegally possessed or used contrary to this Act, except property seized during a search or arrest, and ultimately returned, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of under order of a court in accordance with this Act, the

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authorized employee of the Department shall make reasonable inquiry and efforts to identify and notify the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property and shall return property after the person provides reasonable satisfactory proof of his or her ownership or right to possession and reimburses the Department for all reasonable expenses of custody. If the identity or location of the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property has not been ascertained within 6 months after the Department obtains possession, the Department shall effectuate the sale of the property for cash to the highest bidder at a public auction. The owner or other person entitled to possession of the property may claim and recover possession of the property at any time before its sale at public auction upon providing reasonable and satisfactory proof of ownership or right of possession and reimbursing the Department for all reasonable expenses of custody.

Any property forfeited to the State by court order under this Section may be disposed of by public auction, except that any property that is the subject of a court order shall not be disposed of pending appeal of the order. The proceeds of the sales at auction shall be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish Fund.

24 The Department shall pay all costs of posting or publication of notices required by this Section.

Property seized or forfeited under this Section is subject

- 1 <u>to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.</u>
- 2 (Source: P.A. 98-752, eff. 1-1-15.)
- 3 Section 170. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by
- 4 changing Section 1-215 as follows:
- 5 (515 ILCS 5/1-215) (from Ch. 56, par. 1-215)
- 6 Sec. 1-215. Illegal fishing devices; public nuisance.
- 7 Every fishing device, including seines, nets, or traps, or any
- 8 electrical device or any other devices, including vehicles,
- 9 watercraft, or aircraft, used or operated illegally or
- 10 attempted to be used or operated illegally by any person in
- 11 taking, transporting, holding, or conveying any aquatic life
- 12 contrary to this Code, including administrative rules, shall be
- deemed a public nuisance and therefore illegal and subject to
- 14 seizure and confiscation by any authorized employee of the
- Department. Upon the seizure of such an item the Department
- 16 shall take and hold the item until disposed of as provided in
- 17 this Code.
- 18 Upon the seizure of any device because of its illegal use,
- 19 the officer or authorized employee of the Department making the
- 20 seizure shall, as soon as reasonably possible, cause a
- 21 complaint to be filed before the Circuit Court and a summons to
- 22 be issued requiring the owner or person in possession of the
- 23 property to appear in court and show cause why the device
- 24 seized should not be forfeited to the State. Upon the return of

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the summons duly served or upon posting or publication of notice as provided in this Code, the court shall proceed to determine the question of the illegality of the use of the seized property. Upon judgment being entered to the effect that the property was illegally used, an order shall be entered providing for the forfeiture of the seized property to the State. The owner of the property, however, may have a jury determine the illegality of its use, and shall have the right of an appeal as in other civil cases. Confiscation or forfeiture shall not preclude or mitigate against prosecution and assessment of penalties provided in Section 20-35 of this Code.

of property under Upon seizure any circumstances supporting a reasonable belief that the property was abandoned, lost, stolen, or otherwise illegally possessed or used contrary to this Code, except property seized during a search or arrest, and ultimately returned, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of under order of a court in accordance with this Code, the authorized employee of the Department shall make reasonable inquiry and efforts to identify and notify the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property and shall return the property after the person provides reasonable and satisfactory proof of his or her ownership or right to possession and reimburses the Department for all reasonable expenses of custody. If the identity or location of the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property has not

- 1 been ascertained within 6 months after the Department obtains
- 2 possession, the Department shall effectuate the sale of the
- 3 property for cash to the highest bidder at a public auction.
- 4 The owner or other person entitled to possession of the
- 5 property may claim and recover possession of the property at
- 6 any time before its sale at public auction upon providing
- 7 reasonable and satisfactory proof of ownership or right of
- 8 possession and reimbursing the Department for all reasonable
- 9 expenses of custody.
- 10 Any property forfeited to the State by court order under
- 11 this Section may be disposed of by public auction, except that
- any property that is the subject of a court order shall not be
- disposed of pending appeal of the order. The proceeds of the
- 14 sales at auction shall be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish
- 15 Fund.
- 16 The Department shall pay all costs of posting or
- 17 publication of notices required by this Section.
- 18 Property seized or forfeited under this Section is subject
- 19 to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 87-833.)
- 21 Section 175. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing
- 22 Section 1.25 as follows:
- 23 (520 ILCS 5/1.25) (from Ch. 61, par. 1.25)
- 24 Sec. 1.25. Every hunting or trapping device, vehicle or

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conveyance, when used or operated illegally, or attempted to be used or operated illegally by any person in taking, transporting, holding, or conveying any wild bird or wild mammal, contrary to the provisions of this Act, including administrative rules, is a public nuisance and subject to seizure and confiscation by any authorized employee of the Department; upon the seizure of such item the Department shall take and hold the same until disposed of as hereinafter provided.

Upon the seizure of any property as herein provided, the authorized employee of the Department making such seizure shall forthwith cause a complaint to be filed before the Circuit Court and a summons to be issued requiring the person who illegally used or operated or attempted to use or operate such property and the owner and person in possession of such property to appear in court and show cause why the property seized should not be forfeited to the State. Upon the return of the summons duly served or other notice as herein provided, the court shall proceed to determine the question of the illegality of the use of the seized property and upon judgment being entered to the effect that such property was illegally used, an order may be entered providing for the forfeiture of such seized property to the Department and shall thereupon become the property of the Department; but the owner of such property may have a jury determine the illegality of its use, and shall have the right of an appeal, as in other cases.

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1 confiscation or forfeiture shall not preclude or mitigate 2 against prosecution and assessment of penalties otherwise 3 provided in this Act.

Upon seizure of any property under circumstances supporting a reasonable belief that such property was abandoned, lost or stolen or otherwise illegally possessed or used contrary to the provisions of this Act, except property seized during a search or arrest, and ultimately returned, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of pursuant to order of a court in accordance with this Act, the authorized employee of the Department shall make reasonable inquiry and efforts to identify and notify the owner or other person entitled to possession thereof, and shall return the property after such person provides reasonable and satisfactory proof of his ownership or right to possession and reimburses the Department for all reasonable expenses of such custody. If the identity or location of the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property has not been ascertained within 6 months after the Department obtains such possession, the Department shall effectuate the sale of the property for cash to the highest bidder at a public auction. The owner or other person entitled to possession of such property may claim and recover possession of the property at any time before its sale at public auction, upon providing reasonable and satisfactory proof of ownership or right of possession and reimbursing the Department for all reasonable expenses of custody thereof.

- Any property, including guns, forfeited to the State by court order pursuant to this Section, may be disposed of by public auction, except that any property which is the subject of such a court order shall not be disposed of pending appeal of the order. The proceeds of the sales at auction shall be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish Fund.
- 7 The Department shall pay all costs of notices required by this Section.
- 9 Property seized or forfeited under this Section is subject
  10 to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 85-152.)
- 12 Section 180. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing Sections 17-10.6, 28-5, 29B-1, 33G-6, 36-1, 36-1.5, 1.3 14 36-2, 36-3, and 47-15 and by adding Sections 29B-1.1, 29B-1.5, 15 29B-2, 29B-3, 29B-4, 29B-5, 29B-6, 29B-7, 29B-8, 29B-9, 29B-10, 16 29B-11, 29B-12, 29B-13, 29B-14, 29B-15, 29B-16, 29B-17, 29B-18, 29B-19, 29B-20, 29B-21, 29B-22, 36-1.1, 36-1.2, 17 36-1.3, 36-1.4, 36-1.6, 36-2.1, 36-3.1, 36-3.2, 36-6, 36-7, 18 36-8, and 36-9 as follows: 19
- 20 (720 ILCS 5/17-10.6)
- 21 Sec. 17-10.6. Financial institution fraud.
- 22 (a) Misappropriation of financial institution property. A
  23 person commits misappropriation of a financial institution's
  24 property whenever he or she knowingly obtains or exerts

- unauthorized control over any of the moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, or other property owned by or under the custody or control of a financial institution, or under the custody or care of any agent, officer, director, or employee of such financial institution.
  - (b) Commercial bribery of a financial institution.
    - (1) A person commits commercial bribery of a financial institution when he or she knowingly confers or offers or agrees to confer any benefit upon any employee, agent, or fiduciary without the consent of the latter's employer or principal, with the intent to influence his or her conduct in relation to his or her employer's or principal's affairs.
    - (2) An employee, agent, or fiduciary of a financial institution commits commercial bribery of a financial institution when, without the consent of his or her employer or principal, he or she knowingly solicits, accepts, or agrees to accept any benefit from another person upon an agreement or understanding that such benefit will influence his or her conduct in relation to his or her employer's or principal's affairs.
  - (c) Financial institution fraud. A person commits financial institution fraud when he or she knowingly executes or attempts to execute a scheme or artifice:
    - (1) to defraud a financial institution; or
    - (2) to obtain any of the moneys, funds, credits,

assets, securities, or other property owned by or under the custody or control of a financial institution, by means of pretenses, representations, or promises he or she knows to be false.

- (d) Loan fraud. A person commits loan fraud when he or she knowingly, with intent to defraud, makes any false statement or report, or overvalues any land, property, or security, with the intent to influence in any way the action of a financial institution to act upon any application, advance, discount, purchase, purchase agreement, repurchase agreement, commitment, or loan, or any change or extension of any of the same, by renewal, deferment of action, or otherwise, or the acceptance, release, or substitution of security.
- (e) Concealment of collateral. A person commits concealment of collateral when he or she, with intent to defraud, knowingly conceals, removes, disposes of, or converts to the person's own use or to that of another any property mortgaged or pledged to or held by a financial institution.
- (f) Financial institution robbery. A person commits robbery when he or she knowingly, by force or threat of force, or by intimidation, takes, or attempts to take, from the person or presence of another, or obtains or attempts to obtain by extortion, any property or money or any other thing of value belonging to, or in the care, custody, control, management, or possession of, a financial institution.
  - (g) Conspiracy to commit a financial crime.

(1) A person commits conspiracy to commit a financial
crime when, with the intent that any violation of this
Section be committed, he or she agrees with another person
to the commission of that offense.

- (2) No person may be convicted of conspiracy to commit a financial crime unless an overt act or acts in furtherance of the agreement is alleged and proved to have been committed by that person or by a co-conspirator and the accused is a part of a common scheme or plan to engage in the unlawful activity.
- (3) It shall not be a defense to conspiracy to commit a financial crime that the person or persons with whom the accused is alleged to have conspired:
  - (A) has not been prosecuted or convicted;
  - (B) has been convicted of a different offense;
  - (C) is not amenable to justice;
  - (D) has been acquitted; or
- (E) lacked the capacity to commit the offense.
  - (h) Continuing financial crimes enterprise. A person commits a continuing financial crimes enterprise when he or she knowingly, within an 18-month period, commits 3 or more separate offenses constituting any combination of the following:
    - (1) an offense under this Section;
- 25 (2) a felony offense in violation of Section 16A-3 or 26 subsection (a) of Section 16-25 or paragraph (4) or (5) of

1	subsection (a) of Section 16-1 of this Code for the purpose
2	of reselling or otherwise re-entering the merchandise in
3	commerce, including conveying the merchandise to a
4	merchant in exchange for anything of value; or
5	(3) if involving a financial institution, any other
6	felony offense under this Code.
7	(i) Organizer of a continuing financial crimes enterprise.
8	(1) A person commits being an organizer of a continuing
9	financial crimes enterprise when he or she:
10	(A) with the intent to commit any offense, agrees
11	with another person to the commission of any
12	combination of the following offenses on 3 or more
13	separate occasions within an 18-month period:
14	(i) an offense under this Section;
15	(ii) a felony offense in violation of Section
16	16A-3 or subsection (a) of Section 16-25 or
17	paragraph (4) or (5) of subsection (a) of Section
18	16-1 of this Code for the purpose of reselling or
19	otherwise re-entering the merchandise in commerce,
20	including conveying the merchandise to a merchant
21	in exchange for anything of value; or
22	(iii) if involving a financial institution,
23	any other felony offense under this Code; and
24	(B) with respect to the other persons within the
25	conspiracy, occupies a position of organizer,

supervisor, or financier or other position of

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(2) The person with whom the accused agreed to commit the 3 or more offenses under this Section, or, if involving a financial institution, any other felony offenses under this Code, need not be the same person or persons for each offense, as long as the accused was a part of the common scheme or plan to engage in each of the 3 or more alleged offenses.

## (j) Sentence.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a violation of this Section, the full value of which:
  - (A) does not exceed \$500, is a Class A misdemeanor;
  - (B) does not exceed \$500, and the person has been previously convicted of a financial crime or any type of theft, robbery, armed robbery, burglary, residential burglary, possession of burglary tools, or home invasion, is guilty of a Class 4 felony;
  - (C) exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$10,000, is a Class 3 felony;
  - (D) exceeds \$10,000 but does not exceed \$100,000, is a Class 2 felony;
  - (E) exceeds \$100,000 but does not exceed \$500,000, is a Class 1 felony;
  - (F) exceeds \$500,000 but does not exceed \$1,000,000, is a Class 1 non-probationable felony; when a charge of financial crime, the full value of

which exceeds \$500,000 but does not exceed \$1,000,000,

is brought, the value of the financial crime involved

is an element of the offense to be resolved by the

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\$500,000;

- (G) exceeds \$1,000,000, is a Class X felony; when a charge of financial crime, the full value of which exceeds \$1,000,000, is brought, the value of the financial crime involved is an element of the offense to be resolved by the trier of fact as either exceeding or not exceeding \$1,000,000.
- (2) A violation of subsection (f) is a Class 1 felony.
- (3) A violation of subsection (h) is a Class 1 felony.
- (4) A violation for subsection (i) is a Class X felony.
- (k) A "financial crime" means an offense described in this Section.
  - (1) Period of limitations. The period of limitations for prosecution of any offense defined in this Section begins at the time when the last act in furtherance of the offense is committed.
  - (m) Forfeiture. Any violation of subdivision (2) of subsection (h) or subdivision (i) (1) (A) (ii) shall be subject to the remedies, procedures, and forfeiture as set forth in Sections 1.1 through 21 of Article 29B subsections (f) through (s) of Section 29B-1 of this Code. Property seized or forfeited under this Section is subject to reporting under the Seizure

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- 1 and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11; incorporates P.A. 96-1532,
- 3 eff. 1-1-12, and 97-147, eff. 1-1-12; 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13.)
- 4 (720 ILCS 5/28-5) (from Ch. 38, par. 28-5)
- 5 Sec. 28-5. Seizure of gambling devices and gambling funds.
- (a) Every device designed for gambling which is incapable 6 7 of lawful use or every device used unlawfully for gambling shall be considered a "gambling device", and shall be subject 8 9 to seizure, confiscation and destruction by the Department of 10 State Police or by any municipal, or other local authority, 11 within whose jurisdiction the same may be found. As used in 12 this Section, a "gambling device" includes any slot machine, 1.3 and includes any machine or device constructed for the 14 reception of money or other thing of value and so constructed 15 as to return, or to cause someone to return, on chance to the 16 player thereof money, property or a right to receive money or property. With the exception of any device designed for 17 18 gambling which is incapable of lawful use, no gambling device shall be forfeited or destroyed unless an individual with a 19 20 property interest in said device knows of the unlawful use of 21 the device.
  - (b) Every gambling device shall be seized and forfeited to the <u>State</u> county wherein such seizure occurs. Any money or other thing of value integrally related to acts of gambling shall be seized and forfeited to the <u>State</u> county wherein such

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(c) If, within 60 days after any seizure pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this Section, a person having any property interest in the seized property is charged with an offense, the court which renders judgment upon such charge shall, within 30 days after such judgment, conduct a forfeiture hearing to determine whether such property was a gambling device at the time of seizure. Such hearing shall be commenced by a written petition by the State, including material allegations of fact, the name and address of every person determined by the State to have any property interest in the seized property, a representation that written notice of the date, time and place of such hearing has been mailed to every such person by certified mail at least 10 days before such date, and a request for forfeiture. Every such person may appear as a party and present evidence at such hearing. The quantum of proof required shall be a preponderance of the evidence, and the burden of proof shall be on the State. If the court determines that the seized property was a gambling device at the time of seizure, an order of forfeiture and disposition of the seized property shall be entered: a gambling device shall be received by the State's Attorney, who shall effect its destruction, except that valuable parts thereof may be liquidated and the resultant money shall be deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund in the general fund of the county wherein such seizure occurred; money and other things of value shall be received by

the State's Attorney and, upon liquidation, shall be deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund in the general fund of the county wherein such seizure occurred. However, in the event that a defendant raises the defense that the seized slot machine is an antique slot machine described in subparagraph (b) (7) of Section 28-1 of this Code and therefore he is exempt from the charge of a gambling activity participant, the seized antique slot machine shall not be destroyed or otherwise altered until a final determination is made by the Court as to whether it is such an antique slot machine. Upon a final determination by the Court of this question in favor of the defendant, such slot machine shall be immediately returned to the defendant. Such order of forfeiture and disposition shall, for the purposes of appeal, be a final order and judgment in a civil proceeding.

(d) If a seizure pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this Section is not followed by a charge pursuant to subparagraph (c) of this Section, or if the prosecution of such charge is permanently terminated or indefinitely discontinued without any judgment of conviction or acquittal (1) the State's Attorney shall commence an in rem proceeding for the forfeiture and destruction of a gambling device, or for the forfeiture and deposit into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund in the general fund of the county of any seized money or other things of value, or both, in the circuit court and (2) any person having any property interest in such seized gambling device, money or

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- other thing of value may commence separate civil proceedings in the manner provided by law.
  - (e) Any gambling device displayed for sale to a riverboat gambling operation or used to train occupational licensees of a riverboat gambling operation as authorized under the Riverboat Gambling Act is exempt from seizure under this Section.
  - (f) Any gambling equipment, devices and supplies provided by a licensed supplier in accordance with the Riverboat Gambling Act which are removed from the riverboat for repair are exempt from seizure under this Section.
- 11 (g) The following video gaming terminals are exempt from 12 seizure under this Section:
- 13 (1) Video gaming terminals for sale to a licensed 14 distributor or operator under the Video Gaming Act.
  - (2) Video gaming terminals used to train licensed technicians or licensed terminal handlers.
  - (3) Video gaming terminals that are removed from a licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans establishment for repair.
- 21 <u>(h) Property seized or forfeited under this Section is</u>
  22 <u>subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting</u>
- 23 <u>Act.</u>
- 24 (Source: P.A. 98-31, eff. 6-24-13.)
- 25 (720 ILCS 5/29B-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 29B-1)

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1	Sec. 29B-1. (a) A person commits the offense of money
2	laundering:
3	(1) when, knowing that the property involved in a
4	financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form
5	of unlawful activity, he or she conducts or attempts to
6	conduct such a financial transaction which in fact involves
7	criminally derived property:
8	(A) with the intent to promote the carrying on of
9	the unlawful activity from which the criminally
10	derived property was obtained; or
11	(B) where he or she knows or reasonably should know
12	that the financial transaction is designed in whole or
13	in part:
14	(i) to conceal or disguise the nature, the
15	location, the source, the ownership or the control
16	of the criminally derived property; or
17	(ii) to avoid a transaction reporting
18	requirement under State law; or
19	(1.5) when he or she transports, transmits, or
20	transfers, or attempts to transport, transmit, or transfer
21	a monetary instrument:
22	(A) with the intent to promote the carrying on of
23	the unlawful activity from which the criminally
24	derived property was obtained; or

(B) knowing, or having reason to know, that the

financial transaction is designed in whole or in part:

1	(i) to conceal or disguise the nature, the
2	location, the source, the ownership or the control
3	of the criminally derived property; or
4	(ii) to avoid a transaction reporting
5	requirement under State law; or
6	(2) when, with the intent to:
7	(A) promote the carrying on of a specified criminal
8	activity as defined in this Article; or
9	(B) conceal or disguise the nature, location,
10	source, ownership, or control of property believed to
11	be the proceeds of a specified criminal activity as
12	defined by subdivision (b)(6); or
13	(C) avoid a transaction reporting requirement
14	under State law,
15	he or she conducts or attempts to conduct a financial
16	transaction involving property he or she believes to be the
17	proceeds of specified criminal activity as defined by
18	subdivision (b)(6) or property used to conduct or
19	facilitate specified criminal activity as defined by
20	subdivision (b)(6).
21	(b) As used in this Section:
22	(0.5) "Knowing that the property involved in a
23	financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form
24	of unlawful activity" means that the person knew the
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activity that constitutes a felony under State, federal, or foreign law.

- (1) "Financial transaction" means a purchase, sale, gift, transfer, delivery or pledge, disposition utilizing criminally derived property, and respect to financial institutions, includes deposit, withdrawal, transfer between accounts, exchange of currency, loan, extension of credit, purchase or sale of any stock, bond, certificate of deposit or other monetary instrument, use of safe deposit box, or any other payment, transfer or delivery by, through, or to a financial institution. For purposes of clause (a) (2) of this Section, the term "financial transaction" also means a transaction which without regard to whether the funds, monetary instruments, or real or personal property involved in the transaction are criminally derived, any transaction which in any way or degree: (1) involves the movement of funds by wire or any other means; (2) involves one or more monetary instruments; or (3) the transfer of title to any real or personal property. The receipt by an attorney of bona fide fees for the purpose of legal representation is not a financial transaction for purposes of this Section.
- (2) "Financial institution" means any bank; saving and loan association; trust company; agency or branch of a foreign bank in the United States; currency exchange; credit union, mortgage banking institution; pawnbroker;

loan or finance company; operator of a credit card system; issuer, redeemer or cashier of travelers checks, checks or money orders; dealer in precious metals, stones or jewels; broker or dealer in securities or commodities; investment banker; or investment company.

- (3) "Monetary instrument" means United States coins and currency; coins and currency of a foreign country; travelers checks; personal checks, bank checks, and money orders; investment securities; bearer negotiable instruments; bearer investment securities; or bearer securities and certificates of stock in such form that title thereto passes upon delivery.
- (4) "Criminally derived property" means: (A) any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, from activity that constitutes a felony under State, federal, or foreign law; or (B) any property represented to be property constituting or derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, from activity that constitutes a felony under State, federal, or foreign law.
- (5) "Conduct" or "conducts" includes, in addition to its ordinary meaning, initiating, concluding, or participating in initiating or concluding a transaction.
- (6) "Specified criminal activity" means any violation of Section 29D-15.1 (720 ILCS 5/29D-15.1) and any violation of Article 29D of this Code.

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1	(7) "Director" means the Director of State Police or
2	his or her designated agents.
3	(8) "Department" means the Department of State Police
4	of the State of Illinois or its successor agency.
5	(9) "Transaction reporting requirement under State
6	law" means any violation as defined under the Currency
7	Reporting Act.
8	(c) Sentence.
9	(1) Laundering of criminally derived property of a
10	value not exceeding \$10,000 is a Class 3 felony;
11	(2) Laundering of criminally derived property of a
12	value exceeding \$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 is a
13	Class 2 felony;
14	(3) Laundering of criminally derived property of a
15	value exceeding \$100,000 but not exceeding \$500,000 is a
16	Class 1 felony;
17	(4) Money laundering in violation of subsection (a)(2)
18	of this Section is a Class X felony;
19	(5) Laundering of criminally derived property of a
20	value exceeding \$500,000 is a Class 1 non-probationable
21	felony;
22	(6) In a prosecution under clause (a)(1.5)(B)(ii) of
23	this Section, the sentences are as follows:
24	(A) Laundering of property of a value not exceeding

\$10,000 is a Class 3 felony;

(B) Laundering of property of a value exceeding

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1	\$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 is a Class 2 felony;
2	(C) Laundering of property of a value exceeding
3	\$100,000 but not exceeding \$500,000 is a Class 1
4	felony;
5	(D) Laundering of property of a value exceeding
6	\$500,000 is a Class 1 non-probationable felony.
7	(d) Evidence. In a prosecution under this Article, either
8	party may introduce the following evidence pertaining to the
9	issue of whether the property or proceeds were known to be some
10	form of criminally derived property or from some form of
11	unlawful activity:
12	(1) A financial transaction was conducted or
13	structured or attempted in violation of the reporting
14	requirements of any State or federal law; or
15	(2) A financial transaction was conducted or attempted
16	with the use of a false or fictitious name or a forged
17	instrument; or
18	(3) A falsely altered or completed written instrument
19	or a written instrument that contains any materially false
20	personal identifying information was made, used, offered
21	or presented, whether accepted or not, in connection with a
22	financial transaction; or

(4) A financial transaction was structured or

(5) A money transmitter, a person engaged in a trade or

attempted to be structured so as to falsely report the

actual consideration or value of the transaction; or

business or any employee of a money transmitter or a person engaged in a trade or business, knows or reasonably should know that false personal identifying information has been presented and incorporates the false personal identifying information into any report or record; or

- (6) The criminally derived property is transported or possessed in a fashion inconsistent with the ordinary or usual means of transportation or possession of such property and where the property is discovered in the absence of any documentation or other indicia of legitimate origin or right to such property; or
- (7) A person pays or receives substantially less than face value for one or more monetary instruments; or
- (8) A person engages in a transaction involving one or more monetary instruments, where the physical condition or form of the monetary instrument or instruments makes it apparent that they are not the product of bona fide business or financial transactions.
- (e) Duty to enforce this Article.
- (1) It is the duty of the Department of State Police, and its agents, officers, and investigators, to enforce all provisions of this Article, except those specifically delegated, and to cooperate with all agencies charged with the enforcement of the laws of the United States, or of any state, relating to money laundering. Only an agent, officer, or investigator designated by the Director may be

authorized in accordance with this Section to serve seizure notices, warrants, subpoenas, and summonses under the authority of this State.

(2) Any agent, officer, investigator, or peace officer designated by the Director may: (A) make seizure of property pursuant to the provisions of this Article; and (B) perform such other law enforcement duties as the Director designates. It is the duty of all State's Attorneys to prosecute violations of this Article and institute legal proceedings as authorized under this Article.

## (f) (Blank). Protective orders.

(1) Upon application of the State, the court may enter a restraining order or injunction, require the execution of a satisfactory performance bond, or take any other action to preserve the availability of property described in subsection (h) for forfeiture under this Article:

(A) upon the filing of an indictment, information, or complaint charging a violation of this Article for which forfeiture may be ordered under this Article and alleging that the property with respect to which the order is sought would be subject to forfeiture under this Article; or

(B) prior to the filing of such an indictment, information, or complaint, if, after notice to persons appearing to have an interest in the property and

1	opportunity for a hearing, the court determines that:
2	(i) there is probable cause to believe that the
3	State will prevail on the issue of forfeiture and
4	that failure to enter the order will result in the
5	property being destroyed, removed from the
6	jurisdiction of the court, or otherwise made

unavailable for forfeiture; and

(ii) the need to preserve the availability of the property through the entry of the requested order outweighs the hardship on any party against whom the order is to be entered.

Provided, however, that an order entered pursuant to subparagraph (B) shall be effective for not more than 90 days, unless extended by the court for good cause shown or unless an indictment, information, complaint, or administrative notice has been filed.

(2) A temporary restraining order under this subsection may be entered upon application of the State without notice or opportunity for a hearing when an indictment, information, complaint, or administrative notice has not yet been filed with respect to the property, if the State demonstrates that there is probable cause to believe that the property with respect to which the order is sought would be subject to forfeiture under this Section and that provision of notice will jeopardize the availability of the property for forfeiture. Such a

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temporary order shall expire not more than 30 days after the date on which it is entered, unless extended for good cause shown or unless the party against whom it is entered consents to an extension for a longer period. A hearing requested concerning an order entered under this paragraph shall be held at the earliest possible time and prior to the expiration of the temporary order.

(3) The court may receive and consider, at a hearing held pursuant to this subsection (f), evidence and information that would be inadmissible under the Illinois rules of evidence.

## (4) Order to repatriate and deposit.

- (A) In general. Pursuant to its authority to enter a pretrial restraining order under this Section, the court may order a defendant to repatriate any property that may be seized and forfeited and to deposit that property pending trial with the Illinois State Police or another law enforcement agency designated by the Illinois State Police.
- (B) Failure to comply. Failure to comply with an order under this subsection (f) is punishable as a civil or criminal contempt of court.
- (g) (Blank). Warrant of seizure. The State may request the issuance of a warrant authorizing the seizure of property described in subsection (h) in the same manner as provided for search warrant. If the court determines that there is

<del>probabl</del>	e cause to believe that the property to be seized would
	ject to forfeiture, the court shall issue a warrant
authori	zing the seizure of such property.
(h)	(Blank). Forfeiture.
	(1) The following are subject to forfeiture:
	(A) any property, real or personal, constituting,
	derived from, or traceable to any proceeds the person
	obtained directly or indirectly, as a result of a
	violation of this Article;
	(B) any of the person's property used, or intended
	to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to
	facilitate the commission of, a violation of this
	Article;
	(C) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles
	or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to
	transport, or in any manner to facilitate the
	transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or
	concealment of property described in subparagraphs (A)
	and (B), but:
	(i) no conveyance used by any person as a

common carrier in the transaction of business as a

common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this

Section unless it appears that the owner or other

person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting

(ii) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture

party or privy to a violation of this Article;

1	under this Section by reason of any act or omission
2	which the owner proves to have been committed or
3	omitted without his or her knowledge or consent;
4	(iii) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered
5	by a bona fide security interest is subject to the
6	interest of the secured party if he or she neither
7	had knowledge of nor consented to the act or
8	omission;
9	(D) all real property, including any right, title,
10	and interest (including, but not limited to, any
11	leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land
12	trust) in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any
13	appurtenances or improvements, which is used or
14	intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit,
15	or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any
16	violation of this Article or that is the proceeds of
17	any violation or act that constitutes a violation of
18	this Article.
19	(2) Property subject to forfeiture under this Article
20	may be seized by the Director or any peace officer upor
21	process or seizure warrant issued by any court having
22	jurisdiction over the property. Seizure by the Director or
23	any peace officer without process may be made:
24	(A) if the seizure is incident to a seizure
25	warrant;
26	(B) if the property subject to seizure has been the

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1	<del>subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a</del>
2	criminal proceeding, or in an injunction or forfeiture
3	proceeding based upon this Article;
4	(C) if there is probable cause to believe that the
5	property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health
6	or safety;
7	(D) if there is probable cause to believe that the
8	property is subject to forfeiture under this Article
9	and the property is seized under circumstances in which
LO	a warrantless seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
11	(E) in accordance with the Code of Criminal
12	Procedure of 1963.
13	(3) In the event of seizure pursuant to paragraph (2),
L 4	forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted in accordance
L5	with subsections (i) through (r).
L 6	(4) Property taken or detained under this Section shall
L7	not be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the
18	custody of the Director subject only to the order and
19	judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the
20	forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's
21	Attorney under this Article. When property is seized under
22	this Article, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an
23	inventory of the seized property and estimate the
24	property's value and shall forward a copy of the inventory

_	Director may.
2	(A) place the property under seal;
3	(B) remove the property to a place designated by
4	the Director;
5	(C) keep the property in the possession of the
6	seizing agency;
7	(D) remove the property to a storage area for
8	safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable
9	instrument or money and is not needed for evidentiary
10	purposes, deposit it in an interest bearing account;
11	(E) place the property under constructive seizure
12	by posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by
13	giving notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and
14	interest holders, or by filing notice of pending
15	forfeiture in any appropriate public record relating
16	to the property; or
17	(F) provide for another agency or custodian,
18	including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to
19	take custody of the property upon the terms and
20	conditions set by the Director.
21	(5) When property is forfeited under this Article, the
22	Director shall sell all such property unless such property
23	is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the
24	public, and shall distribute the proceeds of the sale,
25	together with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance
26	with paragraph (6). However, upon the application of the

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seizing agency or prosecutor who was responsible for the investigation, arrest or arrests and prosecution which lead to the forfeiture, the Director may return any item of forfeited property to the seizing agency or prosecutor for official use in the enforcement of laws, if the agency or prosecutor can demonstrate that the item requested would be useful to the agency or prosecutor in its enforcement efforts. When any real property returned to the seizing agency is sold by the agency or its unit of government, the proceeds of the sale shall be delivered to the Director and distributed in accordance with paragraph (6).

(6) All monies and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized under this Article shall be distributed as follows:

(A) 65% shall be distributed to the metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies which conducted or participated in the investigation resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the

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enforcement of laws.

(B) (i) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws. In counties over 3,000,000 population, 25% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws. If the prosecution is undertaken solely by the Attorney General, the portion provided hereunder shall be distributed to the Attorney General for use in the enforcement of laws.

(ii) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund of that office to be used for additional expenses incurred in the investigation, prosecution and appeal of cases arising under laws. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall not receive distribution from cases brought in counties with over 3,000,000 population.

(C) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State Police for expenses related to administration and sale of seized and forfeited property.

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Moneys and the sale proceeds distributed to the Department of State Police under this Article shall be deposited in the Money Laundering Asset Recovery Fund created in the State treasury and shall be used by the Department of State Police for State law enforcement <del>purposes.</del>

(7) All moneys and sale proceeds of property forfeited and seized under this Article and distributed according to paragraph (6) may also be used to purchase opioid antagonists as defined in Section 5 23 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act.

## (i) (Blank). Notice to owner or interest holder.

(1) Whenever notice of pending forfeiture or service of an in rem complaint is required under the provisions of this Article, such notice or service shall be given as follows:

(A) If the owner's or interest holder's name and current address are known, then by either personal service or mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to that address. For purposes of notice under this Section, if a person has been arrested for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture, then the address provided to the arresting agency at the time of arrest shall be deemed to be that person's known address. Provided, however, if an owner or interest holder's address changes prior to the

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1	effective date of the notice of pending forfeiture, the
2	owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the
3	seizing agency of the change in address or, if the
4	owner or interest holder's address changes subsequent
5	to the effective date of the notice of pending
6	forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall
7	promptly notify the State's Attorney of the change in
8	address; or
9	(B) If the property seized is a conveyance, to the
10	address reflected in the office of the agency or
11	official in which title or interest to the conveyance
12	is required by law to be recorded, then by mailing a
13	<pre>copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt</pre>
14	requested, to that address; or
15	(C) If the owner's or interest holder's address is
16	not known, and is not on record as provided in
17	paragraph (B), then by publication for 3 successive
18	weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the
19	county in which the seizure occurred.
20	(2) Notice served under this Article is effective upon

(j) (Blank). Notice to State's Attorney. The law enforcement agency scizing property for forfeiture under this Article shall, within 90 days after seizure, notify the State's Attorney for the county, either where an act or omission giving

mailing of written notice, whichever is earlier.

personal service, the last date of publication, or the

rise to the forfeiture occurred or where the property was seized, of the seizure of the property and the facts and circumstances giving rise to the seizure and shall provide the State's Attorney with the inventory of the property and its estimated value. When the property seized for forfeiture is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency seizing the property shall immediately notify the Secretary of State that forfeiture proceedings are pending regarding such vehicle.

(k) (Blank). Non judicial forfeiture. If non real property that exceeds \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or if real property is seized under the provisions of this Article, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial in rem forfeiture proceedings as described in subsection (1) of this Section within 45 days from receipt of notice of seizure from the seizing agency under subsection (j) of this Section. However, if non real property that does not exceed \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance is seized, the following procedure shall be used:

(1) If, after review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture, then within 45 days after the receipt of notice of seizure from the seizing agency, the State's Attorney shall cause notice of pending forfeiture to be given to the owner of the property and all known interest holders of the property in accordance with subsection (i) of this Section.

1	(2) The notice of pending forfeiture must include a
2	description of the property, the estimated value of the
3	property, the date and place of seizure, the conduct giving
4	rise to forfeiture or the violation of law alleged, and a
5	summary of procedures and procedural rights applicable to
6	the forfeiture action.
7	(3) (A) Any person claiming an interest in property
8	which is the subject of notice under paragraph (1) of this
9	subsection (k), must, in order to preserve any rights or
10	claims to the property, within 45 days after the effective
11	date of notice as described in subsection (i) of this
12	Section, file a verified claim with the State's Attorney
13	expressing his or her interest in the property. The claim
14	must set forth:
15	(i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on
16	the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the
17	<del>claimant;</del>
18	(ii) the address at which the claimant will accept
19	mail;
20	(iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's
21	interest in the property;
22	(iv) the date, identity of the transferor, and
23	circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the
24	interest in the property;
25	(v) the name and address of all other persons known
26	to have an interest in the property;

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(vi) the specific provision of law relied on in asserting the property is not subject to forfeiture; (vii) all essential facts supporting each assertion; and

(viii) the relief sought.

(B) If a claimant files the claim and deposits with the State's Attorney a cost bond, in the form of a cashier's check payable to the clerk of the court, in the sum of 10% of the reasonable value of the property as alleged by the State's Attorney or the sum of \$100, whichever is greater, upon condition that, in the case of forfeiture, the claimant must pay all costs and expenses of forfeiture proceedings, then the State's Attorney shall institute judicial in rem forfeiture proceedings and deposit the cost bond with the clerk of the court as described in subsection (1) of this Section within 45 days after receipt of the claim and cost bond. In lieu of a cost bond, a person claiming interest in the seized property may file, under penalty of perjury, an indigency affidavit which has been approved by a circuit court judge.

(C) If none of the seized property is forfeited in the judicial in rem proceeding, the clerk of the court shall return to the claimant, unless the court orders otherwise, 90% of the sum which has been deposited and shall retain as costs 10% of the money deposited. If any of the seized property is forfeited under the judicial forfeiture

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proceeding, the clerk of the court shall transfer 90% of the sum which has been deposited to the State's Attorney prosecuting the civil forfeiture to be applied to the costs of prosecution and the clerk shall retain as costs 10% of the sum deposited.

(4) If no claim is filed or bond given within the 45 day period as described in paragraph (3) of this subsection (k), the State's Attorney shall declare the property forfeited and shall promptly notify the owner and all known interest holders of the property and the Director of State Police of the declaration of forfeiture and the Director shall dispose of the property in accordance with law.

(1) (Blank). Judicial in rem procedures. If property seized under the provisions of this Article is non-real property that exceeds \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or is real property, or a claimant has filed a claim and a cost bond under paragraph (3) of subsection (k) of this Section, the following judicial in rem procedures shall apply:

(1) If, after a review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture, then within 45 days of the receipt of notice of seizure by the seizing agency or the filing of the claim and cost bond, whichever is later, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial forfeiture proceedings by filing a verified complaint for forfeiture and, if the claimant has filed a claim and cost

1	bond, by depositing the cost bond with the clerk of the
2	court. When authorized by law, a forfeiture must be ordered
3	by a court on an action in rem brought by a State's
4	Attorney under a verified complaint for forfeiture.
5	(2) During the probable cause portion of the judicial
6	in rem proceeding wherein the State presents its
7	case in chief, the court must receive and consider, among
8	other things, all relevant hearsay evidence and
9	information. The laws of evidence relating to civil actions
10	apply to all other portions of the judicial in rem
11	<del>proceeding.</del>
12	(3) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property
13	may file an answer asserting a claim against the property
14	in the action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the
15	owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant.
16	Upon motion of the State, the court shall first hold a
17	hearing, wherein any claimant must establish by a
18	preponderance of the evidence, that he or she has a lawful,
19	legitimate ownership interest in the property and that it
20	was obtained through a lawful source.
21	(4) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest
22	holder under penalty of perjury and must set forth:
23	(A) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on
24	the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the
25	<del>claimant;</del>

1	mail;
2	(C) the nature and extent of the claimant's
3	interest in the property;
4	(D) the date, identity of transferor, and
5	circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the
6	interest in the property;
7	(E) the name and address of all other persons known
8	to have an interest in the property;
9	(F) all essential facts supporting each assertion;
10	and
11	(G) the precise relief sought.
12	(5) The answer must be filed with the court within 45
13	days after service of the civil in rem complaint.
14	(6) The hearing must be held within 60 days after
15	filing of the answer unless continued for good cause.
16	(7) The State shall show the existence of probable
17	cause for forfeiture of the property. If the State shows
18	probable cause, the claimant has the burden of showing by a
19	preponderance of the evidence that the claimant's interest
20	in the property is not subject to forfeiture.
21	(8) If the State does not show existence of probable
22	cause, the court shall order the interest in the property
23	returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all
24	other property forfeited to the State. If the State does
25	show existence of probable cause, the court shall order all
26	property forfeited to the State.

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(9) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Article regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.

(10) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding does not preclude civil proceedings under this Article; however, for good cause shown, on a motion by the State's Attorney, the court may stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a money laundering violation. Such a stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject to forfeiture under this Article shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of such property unless such return or release is consented to by the State's Attorney.

(11) All property declared forfeited under this Article vests in this State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Any such property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to forfeiture and thereafter shall be ordered forfeited.

(12) A civil action under this Article must

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commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later, excluding any time during which either the property or claimant is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.

- (m) (Blank). Stay of time periods. If property is seized for evidence and for forfeiture, the time periods for instituting judicial and non judicial forfeiture proceedings shall not begin until the property is no longer necessary for evidence.
- (n) (Blank). Settlement of claims. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Article, the State's Attorney and a claimant of seized property may enter into an agreed-upon settlement concerning the seized property in such an amount and upon such terms as are set out in writing in a settlement agreement.
- (o) (Blank). Property constituting attorney fees. Nothing in this Article applies to property which constitutes reasonable bona fide attorney's fees paid to an attorney for services rendered or to be rendered in the forfeiture proceeding or criminal proceeding relating directly thereto where such property was paid before its seizure, before issuance of any seizure warrant or court order prohibiting transfer of the property and where the attorney, at the time he or she received the property did not know that it was property

- Assembly that the forfeiture provisions of this Article be liberally construed so as to effect their remedial purpose. The forfeiture of property and other remedies hereunder shall be considered to be in addition to, and not exclusive of, any sentence or other remedy provided by law.
- (q) (Blank). Judicial review. If property has been declared forfeited under subsection (k) of this Section, any person who has an interest in the property declared forfeited may, within 30 days after the effective date of the notice of the declaration of forfeiture, file a claim and cost bond as described in paragraph (3) of subsection (k) of this Section. If a claim and cost bond is filed under this Section, then the procedures described in subsection (l) of this Section apply.
- (r) (Blank). Burden of proof of exemption or exception. It is not necessary for the State to negate any exemption or exception in this Article in any complaint, information, indictment or other pleading or in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding under this Article. The burden of proof of any exemption or exception is upon the person claiming it.
- (s) (Blank). Review of administrative decisions. All administrative findings, rulings, final determinations, findings, and conclusions of the State's Attorney's Office under this Article are final and conclusive decisions of the matters involved. Any person aggrieved by the decision may

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obtain review of the decision pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Review Law and the rules adopted pursuant to that Law. Pending final decision on such review, the administrative acts, orders, and rulings of the State's Attorney's Office remain in full force and effect unless modified or suspended by order of court pending final judicial decision. Pending final decision on such review, the acts, orders, and rulings of the State's Attorney's Office remain in full force and effect, unless stayed by order of court. However, no stay of any decision of the administrative agency shall issue unless the person aggrieved by the decision establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that good cause exists for the stay. In determining good cause, the court shall find that the aggrieved party has established a substantial likelihood of prevailing on the merits and that granting the stay will not have an injurious effect on the general public. (Source: P.A. 99-480, eff. 9-9-15.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-1.1 new) 18

Sec. 29B-1.1. Protective orders. 19

> (a) Upon application of the State, the court may enter a restraining order or injunction, require the execution of a satisfactory performance bond, or take other action to preserve the availability of property described in Section 29B-2 of this Article subject to forfeiture under this Article:

> > (1) upon the filing of an indictment, information, or

Τ	complaint charging a violation of this Article for which
2	forfeiture may be ordered and alleging that the property
3	with respect to which the order is sought would be subject
4	to forfeiture under this Article; or
5	(2) prior to the filing of the indictment, information,
6	or complaint, if, after notice to persons appearing to have
7	an interest in the property and opportunity for a hearing,
8	the court determines that:
9	(A) there is probable cause to believe that the
10	State will prevail on the issue of forfeiture and that
11	failure to enter the order will result in the property
12	being destroyed, removed from the jurisdiction of the
13	court, or otherwise made unavailable for forfeiture;
14	<u>and</u>
15	(B) the need to preserve the availability of the
16	property through the entry of the requested order
17	outweighs the hardship on any party against whom the
18	order is to be entered.
19	An order entered under paragraph (2) of this subsection
20	shall be effective for not more than 90 days, unless extended
21	by the court for good cause shown or if an indictment,
22	information, complaint, or administrative notice has been
23	<u>filed.</u>
24	(b) A temporary restraining order under this Section may be
25	entered upon application of the State without notice or
26	opportunity for a hearing when an indictment, information,

complaint, or administrative notice has not yet been filed with respect to the property if the State demonstrates that there is probable cause to believe that the property would be subject to forfeiture under this Section and that notice will jeopardize the availability of the property for forfeiture. A temporary order shall expire not more than 30 days after the date on which it is entered, unless extended for good cause shown or the party against whom it is entered consents to an extension for a longer period. A hearing requested concerning an order entered under this subsection shall be held at the earliest possible time and prior to the expiration of the temporary order.

- (c) The court may receive and consider at a hearing held under this Section evidence and information that would be inadmissible under the rules of evidence of this State.
  - (d) Order to repatriate and deposit.
  - (1) Under its authority to enter a pretrial restraining order under this Section, the court may order a defendant to repatriate any property that may be seized or forfeited and deposit that property pending trial with the Department of State Police or another law enforcement agency designated by the Department.
- (2) Failure to comply with an order under this Section is punishable as civil or criminal contempt of court.

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Sec. 29B-1.5. Warrant of seizure. The State may request the issuance of a warrant authorizing the seizure of property described in Section 29B-2 of this Article in the same manner as provided for a search warrant. If the court determines that there is probable cause to believe that the property to be seized would be subject to forfeiture, the court shall issue a warrant authorizing the seizure of the property.

- (720 ILCS 5/29B-2 new)
- 9 Sec. 29B-2. Property subject to forfeiture.
- 10 The following property is subject of forfeiture under this
  11 Article:
- (1) any property, real or personal, constituting, derived from, or traceable to any proceeds the person obtained directly or indirectly, as a result of a violation of this Article;
  - (2) any of the person's property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of this Article;
  - (3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, which are used or intended for use to transport or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of property described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Section, but the following are not subject to forfeiture:
- 24 (A) a conveyance used by any person as a common carrier
  25 in the transaction of business as a common carrier unless

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1	it appears that the owner or person in charge of the
2	conveyance is a consenting party or privy to a violation of
3	this Article;
4	(B) a conveyance by reason of any act or omission which
5	the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without
6	his or her knowledge or consent; or
7	(C) a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security
8	interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if
9	he or she did not have knowledge or consented to the act or
10	omission; and
11	(4) all real property, including any right, title, and
12	interest including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest
13	or the beneficial interest in a land trust, in the whole of any
14	lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements,
15	which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to
16	commit or facilitate the commission of a violation of this
17	Article, or that is the proceeds of any violation or act that
18	constitutes a violation of this Article.
19	(720 ILCS 5/29B-3 new)
20	Sec. 29B-3. Seizure.
21	(a) Seizure of real property subject to forfeiture under
22	this Article requires a court order. A court may issue an order
23	to seize or secure real property for which forfeiture is sought

only after proper notice to property owners and an opportunity

for a contested hearing to determine the sufficiency of

1	probable cause for the seizure. Nothing in this subsection
2	prohibits the prosecuting authority from seeking a lis pendens
3	or restraining order to hinder the sale or destruction of the
4	real property.
5	(b) Personal property subject to forfeiture under this
6	Article may be seized by the Director of State Police or any
7	peace officer upon process or seizure warrant issued by any
8	court having jurisdiction over the property.
9	(c) Personal property subject to forfeiture under this
10	Article may be seized by the Director of State Police or any
11	<pre>peace officer without process:</pre>
12	(1) if the seizure is incident to a seizure warrant;
13	(2) if the property subject to seizure has been the
14	subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a
15	criminal proceeding or in an injunction or forfeiture
16	proceeding based upon this Article;
17	(3) if there is probable cause to believe that the
18	property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or
19	<pre>safety;</pre>
20	(4) if there is probable cause to believe that the
21	property is subject to forfeiture under this Article and
22	the property is seized under circumstances in which a
23	warrantless seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
24	(5) in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure
25	of 1963.

(d) When a conveyance is seized under this Article, an

- 1 <u>investigation shall be made by the law enforcement agency as to</u>
- 2 any person whose right, title, interest, or lien is of record
- 3 <u>in the office of the agency or official in which title or</u>
- 4 <u>interest to the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.</u>
- 5 (e) After seizure of property under this Section, notice
- 6 shall be given to all known interest holders that forfeiture
- 7 proceedings, including a preliminary review, may be instituted
- 8 under this Article.
- 9 (720 ILCS 5/29B-4 new)
- 10 Sec. 29B-4. Receipt for seized property. When a law
- 11 <u>enforcement officer seizes property that is subject to</u>
- 12 forfeiture, the officer shall provide an itemized receipt to
- 13 the person possessing the property or, in the absence of a
- 14 person to whom the receipt could be given, shall leave the
- receipt in the place where the property was found if possible.
- 16 (720 ILCS 5/29B-5 new)
- 17 <u>Sec. 29B-5. Safekeeping of seized property pending</u>
- 18 disposition.
- 19 (a) Property seized under this Article is deemed to be in
- 20 the custody of the Director of State Police subject only to the
- 21 order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction
- over the forfeiture proceeding and the decisions of the State's
- 23 Attorney under this Article.
- 24 (b) If property is seized under this Article, the seizing

1	agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized
2	property and estimate the property's value and forward a copy
3	of the inventory of seized property and an estimate of the
4	property's value to the Director of State Police. Upon
5	receiving notice of seizure, the Director of State Police
6	<pre>shall:</pre>
7	(1) place the property under seal;
8	(2) remove the property to a place designated by the
9	Director of State Police;
10	(3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing
11	agency;
12	(4) remove the property to a storage area for
13	safekeeping;
14	(5) place the property under constructive seizure by
15	posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving
16	notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest
17	holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any
18	appropriate public record relating to the property; or
19	(6) allow another agency or custodian, including an
20	owner, secured party, or secured lienholder, to take
21	custody of the property upon terms and conditions set by
22	the Director.
23	(c) Property seized under this Article shall be kept by the
24	custodian in a manner to protect it from theft or damage and,
25	if ordered by the court, insured against those risks.

1 (	720	ILCS	5/	/29B-6	new)	)

- 2 Sec. 29B-6. Preliminary Review.
- 3 (a) Within 14 days of the seizure, the State shall seek a
- 4 preliminary determination from the circuit court as to whether
- 5 there is probable cause that the property may be subject to
- 6 <u>forfeiture.</u>
- 7 (b) The rules of evidence of this State shall not apply to
- 8 <u>any proceeding conducted under this Section.</u>
- 9 <u>(c) The court may conduct the review under subsection (a)</u>
- of this Section simultaneously with a proceeding under Section
- 11 109-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for a related
- 12 criminal offense if a prosecution is commenced by information
- or complaint.
- 14 (d) The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a
- preliminary hearing following the filing of an information or
- 16 complaint charging a related criminal offense or following the
- 17 return of an indictment by a grand jury charging the related
- 18 offense as sufficient evidence of probable cause as required
- under subsection (a) of this Section.
- 20 (e) Upon making a finding of probable cause as required
- 21 <u>under this Section, the circuit court shall order the property</u>
- 22 held until the conclusion of the forfeiture proceeding.
- 23 (f) For the seizure of a conveyance, at any time after a
- finding of probable cause under subsection (a) of this Section,
- but at least 60 days before the trial of the forfeiture case,
- 26 <u>the registered owner</u> or other claimant may file a motion in

writing supported by one or more sworn affidavits claiming that
the denial of the use of the conveyance during the pendency of
the forfeiture proceedings will create a substantial hardship
on the owner or claimant. The court shall consider the
following factors in determining whether a substantial
hardship has been proven:

- (1) the nature of the claimed hardship;
- (2) the availability of public transportation or other available means of transportation; and
- 10 <u>(3) any available alternatives to alleviate the</u>
  11 hardship other than the return of the seized conveyance.

If the court determines that a substantial hardship has been proven, the court shall balance the nature of the hardship against the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance.

If the court determines that the hardship outweighs the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance, the court may temporarily release the conveyance to the registered owner or claimant or the registered owner or claimant's authorized designee, or both, until the conclusion of the forfeiture proceedings or for a shorter period as ordered by the court, provided the person to whom the conveyance is released provides proof of insurance and a valid driver's license and all State and local registrations for operation of the conveyance are current. The court may place conditions on the conveyance limiting its use to the stated hardship and restricting the conveyance's use to only those persons authorized to use the

conveyance by the registered owner or claimant. The court may revoke the order releasing the conveyance and order that the conveyance be seized by law enforcement if the conditions of release are violated or if the conveyance is used in the commission of any offense identified in subsection (a) of Section 6-205 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

If the conveyance is released, the court shall order that the registered owner or claimant, or his or her designee: safeguard the conveyance; not remove the conveyance from the jurisdiction; not conceal, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the conveyance; not encumber the conveyance; and not diminish the value of the conveyance in any way. The court shall determine the full market value of the conveyance prior to release under this subsection based on a source or sources defined in 50 Ill. Adm. Code 919.80(c)(2)(A) or 919.80(c)(2)(B).

If the conveyance subject to forfeiture is released under this Section and is subsequently forfeited, the person to whom the conveyance was released shall return the conveyance to the law enforcement agency that seized the conveyance within 7 days from the date of the declaration of forfeiture or order of forfeiture.

(720 ILCS 5/29B-7 new)

Sec. 29B-7. Notice to State's Attorney. The law enforcement agency seizing property for forfeiture under this Article shall, as soon as practicable but no later than 48 hours after

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the seizure, notify the State's Attorney of the county in which an act or omission giving rise to the seizure occurred or in which the property was seized and the facts and circumstances giving rise to the seizure and shall provide the State's Attorney with the inventory of the property and its estimated value. If the property seized for forfeiture is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency seizing the property shall immediately notify the Secretary of State that forfeiture proceedings are pending against the vehicle.

- 10 (720 ILCS 5/29B-8 new)
- 11 Sec. 29B-8. Replevin hearing.
- 12 (a) At any time following the seizure of property, but at

  13 least 60 days prior to trial of the forfeiture case, any person

  14 who claims an ownership interest in property seized under this

  15 Article may claim the right to possession of the property by

  16 motion to the court to issue a writ of replevin. The movant

  17 shall file a motion establishing the validity of his or her
- 18 <u>alleged interest in the property.</u>
- 19 <u>(b) The court shall hear the motion no more than 30 days</u>
  20 <u>after the motion is filed.</u>
- 21 (c) If the motion for replevin is heard prior to the 22 preliminary review under Section 29B-6 of this Article, the 23 State shall file an answer showing probable cause for the 24 seizure at least 10 days before the hearing.
- 25 (d) Either party may, by agreement or for good cause, move

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- 3 (e) The court shall issue a writ of replevin if it finds
  4 that:
- 5 (1) it is likely the final judgment will require the 6 State to return the property to the claimant; or
- 7 (2) the property is the only reasonable means for the 8 person claiming an ownership interest in the property to 9 pay for legal representation in the forfeiture proceeding.
- At the court's discretion under subsection (b) of this

  Section, the court may order the return of funds or property

  sufficient to obtain legal counsel, but less than the total

  amount seized and require an accounting.
- 14 (720 ILCS 5/29B-9 new)
- 15 Sec. 29B-9. Complaint of forfeiture.
- 16 (a) If the State's Attorney of the county in which the seizure occurs finds that the alleged violation of law giving 17 18 rise to the seizure was incurred without willful negligence, without any intention on the part of the owner of the property 19 20 to violate the law, or finds the existence of mitigating 21 circumstances as to justify remission of the forfeiture, he or 22 she shall cause the law enforcement agency having custody of 23 the property to return the property to the owner within a reasonable time not to exceed 5 days. The State's Attorney 24 25 shall exercise his or her discretion prior to or promptly after

1	the	preliminary	review	under	Section	29B-6	of	this	Article.

- (b) If, after review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture and the State's Attorney does not cause the forfeiture to be remitted under subsection (a) of this Section, he or she shall bring an action for forfeiture in the circuit court within whose jurisdiction the seizure and confiscation has taken place by filing a complaint of forfeiture proceeding as soon as practicable, but no later than 30 days after a finding of probable cause at a preliminary review under Section 29B-6 of this Article. A complaint of forfeiture proceeding shall include:
  - (1) a description of the property seized;
  - (2) the date and place of seizure of the property;
  - (3) the name and address of the law enforcement agency making the seizure;
    - (4) the specific statutory and factual grounds for the seizure;
  - (5) whether the property was seized under an order of seizure, and if the property was seized without an order of seizure, an affidavit from a law enforcement officer stating the factual and legal grounds for the seizure;
  - (6) in the complaint caption and in the complaint, the names of persons known to the State who may claim an interest in the property and the basis for each person's alleged interest; and

1 (7) a summary of procedures and procedural rights
2 applicable to the forfeiture action.

- (c) The complaint shall be served upon the person from whom the property was seized and all persons known or reasonably believed by the State to claim an interest in the property, in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 8 (720 ILCS 5/29B-10 new)
- 9 <u>Sec. 29B-10. Exemptions from forfeiture.</u>
  - (a) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier may be forfeited unless the State proves by clear and convincing evidence that (1) in the case of a railway car or engine, the owner, or (2) in the case of any other vessel or watercraft, vehicle or aircraft, the owner or the master of the vessel or watercraft or the owner or conductor, driver, pilot, or other person in charge of the vehicle or aircraft was at the time of the alleged illegal act a consenting party or privy to the illegal act.
    - (b) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft shall be forfeited by reason of any act or omission by a person other than the owner while the vessel, watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft was unlawfully in the possession of a person who acquired possession in violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any state.

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1	(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
	(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
2	contrary, the property of an innocent owner shall not be
3	forfeited. No property interest shall be subject to forfeiture
4	unless the State proves by clear and convincing evidence that
5	the underlying violation of law was committed with the
6	knowledge and consent of the owner.
7	(d) Homesteaded real property, a motor vehicle of less than
8	\$10,000 in market value, or U.S. currency totaling \$200 or less
9	shall not be subject to forfeiture under this Article.
10	(720 ILCS 5/29B-11 new)
11	Sec. 29B-11. Judicial forfeiture procedures.
12	(a) A judgment of forfeiture requires as a condition
13	precedent that a defendant be convicted in an underlying or
14	related criminal action of an offense for which forfeiture is
15	authorized under this Article. The court may waive the
16	conviction requirement if the State shows by clear and
17	convincing evidence that the defendant:
18	<u>(1) died;</u>
19	(2) was deported by the U.S. government;
20	(3) is granted immunity in exchange for testifying or
21	otherwise assisting a law enforcement investigation or
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	prosecution; or
23	(4) fled the jurisdiction after being charged with an
24	offense for which forfeiture is authorized and released on

A defendant convicted in a criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Article regardless of the pendency of an appeal from

that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal

<u>is admissible.</u>

- (b) The court shall stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment information, or complaint alleging a violation of this Article giving rise to the forfeiture, or alleging a felony violation of law underlying an alleged violation of this Article giving rise to forfeiture. A stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject to forfeiture under this Article shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of the property unless the return or release is consented to by the State's Attorney. Upon dismissal of all related criminal proceedings underlying the alleged violation of this Article giving rise to forfeiture, the State's Attorney shall immediately move for dismissal of the forfeiture action.
- (c) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may file an answer. For purposes of this Article, the owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. A person not named in the forfeiture complaint who claims to have an interest in the property may petition to intervene as a claimant in accordance with Section 2-408 of the Code of Civil

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2	(d) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest
3	holder under penalty of perjury and must provide the following:
4	(1) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the
5	notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the claimant;
6	(2) the address at which the claimant will accept mail;
7	(3) the nature and extent of the claimant's interest in
8	the property;
9	(4) the date, identity of transferor, and
10	circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the
11	interest in the property;
12	(5) the name and address of all other persons known to
13	have an interest in the property;
14	(6) the specific provisions of Section 29B-10 of this
15	Article relied upon in asserting the property is exempt
16	from forfeiture, if applicable;
17	(7) the essential facts supporting each assertion; and
18	(8) the precise relief sought.
19	(e) The answer must be filed with the court within 45 days
20	after service of the complaint of forfeiture. The trial must be
21	held within 60 days after filing of the answer unless continued
22	for good cause.
23	(f) The State shall have the burden of proving by clear and
24	convincing evidence that the property is subject to forfeiture.
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If the State does not meet its burden of proof, the court shall

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- (q) Provisional title to all property declared forfeited vests in this State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, any of the property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to forfeiture under this Article shall be ordered forfeited. A claimant who acquired, as a transferee, an ownership interest in property that is the subject of forfeiture proceedings under this Article after the commission of the underlying violation of law giving rise to forfeiture under this Article, shall be barred from asserting that his or her interest in the property is exempt from forfeiture under subsection (c) of Section 29B-10 of this Article, unless the claimant shows by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured creditor, lienholder, or bona fide purchaser, without knowledge of the seizure of the property and without notice of any defect in title.
- (h) A civil action brought under this Article must be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to forfeiture became known or should have become known, or 5 years after the property subject to forfeiture is discovered, whichever is later, excluding any time during which either the property or claimant is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct

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- 2 (i) A claimant is not jointly and severally liable for
  3 forfeiture awards owed by other claimants. If ownership is
  4 unclear, a court may order each claimant to forfeit property on
  5 a pro rata basis or by another means the court finds equitable.
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/29B-12 new)
- 7 Sec. 29B-12. Proportionality hearing.
- 8 (a) If property has been declared forfeited under Section 29B-11 of this Article as an instrumentality of a criminal 9 10 offense, a claimant may, within 30 days of the effective date 11 of the notice of the declaration of forfeiture, petition the court that the forfeiture is grossly <u>disproportional to the</u> 12 13 seriousness of the offense. The claimant shall bear the burden of persuasion by a preponderance of the evidence at a hearing 14 15 conducted by the court without a jury. In determining whether 16 the forfeiture of an instrumentality is excessive, the court may consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited 17 18 to:
  - (1) the seriousness of the offense and its impact on the community, including the duration of the activity and the harm caused by the claimant;
- 22 (2) the extent to which the claimant participated in the offense;
- 24 (3) the extent to which the property was used in committing the offense;

1	(4) the sentence imposed for committing the crime
2	subject to forfeiture; and
3	(5) whether the offense was completed or attempted.
4	(b) In determining the value of the instrumentality subject
5	to forfeiture, the court may consider all relevant factors,
6	including, but not limited to:
7	(1) the fair market value of the property;
8	(2) the value of the property to the claimant,
9	including the hardship to the claimant if the forfeiture is
10	realized; and
11	(3) the hardship from the loss of a primary residence,
12	motor vehicle, or other property to the claimant's family
13	members or others if the property is forfeited.
14	(c) The court may not consider the monetary value of the
15	instrumentality to the State in determining whether the
16	forfeiture of an instrumentality is disproportional to the
17	seriousness of the offense.
18	(d) If the claimant prevails in a proportionality hearing
19	under this Section, the court may order the property, or a
20	portion of the property, returned or conveyed to the claimant
21	as the court deems just.
22	(720 ILCS 5/29B-13 new)
23	Sec. 29B-13. Stay of time periods. If property is seized
24	for evidence and is subject to forfeiture, the time periods for
25	instituting judicial forfeiture proceedings shall not begin

1 until the property is no longer necessary for evidence.

2 (720 ILCS 5/29B-14 new)

Sec. 29B-14. Settlement of claims. Notwithstanding any

other provision of this Article, the State's Attorney and a

claimant of seized property may enter into an agreed settlement

concerning the seized property in an amount and upon the terms

as set out in writing in the settlement agreement.

(720 ILCS 5/29B-15 new)

Sec. 29B-15. Attorney's fees. Nothing in this Article shall apply to property which constitutes reasonable bona fide attorney's fees paid to an attorney for services rendered or to be rendered in the forfeiture proceeding or criminal proceeding if the property was paid before its seizure, before the issuance of any seizure warrant, or court order prohibiting transfer of the property and if the attorney, at the time he or she received the property did not know that it was property subject to forfeiture.

18 (720 ILCS 5/29B-16 new)

Sec. 29B-16. Construction. The General Assembly intends the forfeiture provisions of this Article to be liberally construed so as to effect their remedial purpose. The forfeiture of property and other remedies shall be considered to be in addition, and not exclusive of any sentence or other

1 remedy provided by law.

2 (720 ILCS 5/29B-17 new) 3 Sec. 29B-17. Judicial review. If property has been declared forfeited under Section 29B-11 of this Article, any person who 4 5 has an interest in the property declared forfeited and whose 6 claimed interest in the forfeited property was not adjudicated 7 in the forfeiture proceeding may, within 30 days of the 8 effective date of the notice of the declaration of forfeiture, 9 file a petition to stay enforcement of the order of forfeiture 10 and to intervene as a claimant under Section 2-408 of the Code 11 of Civil Procedure. 12 (720 ILCS 5/29B-18 new) 13 Sec. 29B-18. Return of property, damages, and costs. 14 (a) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of 15 property seized for forfeiture shall return it to the claimant, within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 5 days after 16 17 the court orders the property to be returned or conveyed to the 18 claimant: 19 (1) property ordered by the court to be conveyed or 20 returned to the claimant in accordance with subsection (f) 21 of Section 29B-11 of this Article; and 22 (2) property ordered by the court to be conveyed or 23 returned to the claimant in accordance with subsection (d) 24 of Section 29B-12 of this Article.

(b) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of property described in subsection (a) of this Section is responsible for any damages, storage fees, and related costs applicable to the property returned. The claimant shall not be subject to any charges by the State for storage of the property or expenses incurred in the preservation of the property.

(720 ILCS 5/29B-19 new)

- 8 <u>Sec. 29B-19. Distribution of proceeds; selling or</u> 9 retaining seized property prohibited.
- 10 (a) Abandoned property shall be delivered to the Department

  11 of State Police within 30 days. For purposes of this Section,

  12 "abandoned property" means personal property left by an owner

  13 who intentionally relinquishes all rights to its control. Real

  14 property may not be abandoned.
  - (b) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the court shall order that property under this Article to be delivered to the Department of State Police within 30 days.
  - (c) Upon motion, the court may order that a portion of the currency seized or proceeds from public auction be used to pay reasonable non-personnel expenses of the seizure, storage, and maintenance of custody of any forfeited items.
  - (d) The Department of State Police shall dispose of all non-currency forfeited or abandoned property at public auction. The auction proceeds and forfeited currency shall first be used to pay all outstanding recorded liens on the

- 1 forfeited property and then to comply with an order of the
- 2 court to pay reasonable non-personnel expenses under
- 3 <u>subsection (c) of this Section, with all remaining funds to be</u>
- 4 deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund.
- 5 (e) A law enforcement agency shall not retain forfeited or
- 6 <u>abandoned property for its own use or transfer that property to</u>
- any employee of the agency, to a person related to an employee
- 8 by blood or marriage, or to another law enforcement agency.
- 9 (720 ILCS 5/29B-20 new)
- 10 <u>Sec. 29B-20. Transfer of forfeitable property to the</u>
- 11 federal government.
- 12 (a) No State, county, municipal law enforcement agency, or
- 13 prosecuting authority may enter into an agreement to transfer
- or refer seized property to a federal agency directly,
- 15 indirectly, by adoption, through an intergovernmental joint
- taskforce, or by any other means for the purposes of forfeiture
- 17 litigation, and instead shall refer the seized property to
- 18 appropriate local or State prosecuting authorities for
- 19 forfeiture litigation under this Article, unless the seized
- property includes U.S. currency in excess of \$100,000.
- 21 (b) If the seized property includes U.S. currency in excess
- of \$100,000, a State, county, or municipal law enforcement
- agency may refer or transfer the seized property to a federal
- 24 agency for forfeiture litigation under federal law, but nothing
- in this Section shall be construed to require the referral or

- 1 transfer.
- 2 (c) Nothing in subsections (a) or (b) of this Section shall
- 3 be construed to restrict a State, county, or municipal law
- 4 enforcement agency from collaborating with a federal agency to
- 5 seize contraband or property that the law enforcement agency
- 6 has probable cause to believe is the proceeds or instruments of
- 7 <u>a crime by adoption, through an intergovernmental joint</u>
- 8 taskforce, or by other means.
- 9 (720 ILCS 5/29B-21 new)
- Sec. 29B-21. Disposition of property and proceeds from
- 11 another jurisdiction.
- 12 (a) Forfeited property received from another jurisdiction,
- including from the federal government, shall be transferred to
- 14 the Department of State Police, sold at public auction by the
- 15 Department of State Police or its designee, and deposited into
- the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund.
- 17 (b) Proceeds from the sale of forfeited property received
- 18 from another jurisdiction, including the federal government,
- 19 must be transferred to the Department of State Police and
- deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund.
- 21 (c) If federal law prohibits compliance with subsections
- 22 (a) and (b) of this Section, State and local law enforcement
- 23 agencies are prohibited from seeking or accepting forfeited
- 24 property or proceeds from the federal government.

- 1 (720 ILCS 5/29B-22 new)
- 2 Sec. 29B-22. Reporting. Property seized or forfeited under
- 3 this Article is subject to reporting under the Seizure and
- 4 Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 5 (720 ILCS 5/33G-6)
- 6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on June 11, 2017)
- Sec. 33G-6. Remedial proceedings, procedures, and
- 8 forfeiture. Under this Article:
- 9 (a) The circuit court shall have jurisdiction to prevent
- 10 and restrain violations of this Article by issuing appropriate
- 11 orders, including:
- 12 (1) ordering any person to disgorge illicit proceeds
- 13 obtained by a violation of this Article or divest himself
- or herself of any interest, direct or indirect, in any
- enterprise or real or personal property of any character,
- including money, obtained, directly or indirectly, by a
- 17 violation of this Article;
- 18 (2) imposing reasonable restrictions on the future
- 19 activities or investments of any person or enterprise,
- 20 including prohibiting any person or enterprise from
- 21 engaging in the same type of endeavor as the person or
- 22 enterprise engaged in, that violated this Article; or
- 23 (3) ordering dissolution or reorganization of any
- 24 enterprise, making due provision for the rights of innocent
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- (b) Any violation of this Article is subject to the remedies, procedures, and forfeiture as set forth in <u>Sections</u>

  1.1 through 21 of Article 29B subsections (f) through (s) of <u>Section 29B-1</u> of this Code. <u>Property seized or forfeited under this Article is subject to reporting under the Seizure and</u>
- 6 Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 97-686, eff. 6-11-12.)
- 8 (720 ILCS 5/36-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 36-1)
- 9 Sec. 36-1. Property subject to forfeiture Seizure.
- 10 (a) Any vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft <u>is</u>

  11 <u>subject to forfeiture under this Article</u> may be seized and

  12 <u>impounded by the law enforcement agency</u> if the vessel or

  13 watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is used with the knowledge and

  14 consent of the owner in the commission of or in the attempt to

  15 commit as defined in Section 8-4 of this Code:
  - (1) an offense prohibited by Section 9-1 (first degree murder), Section 9-3 (involuntary manslaughter and reckless homicide), Section 10-2 (aggravated kidnaping), Section 11-1.20 (criminal sexual assault), Section 11-1.30 (aggravated criminal sexual assault), Section 11-1.40 (predatory criminal sexual assault of a child), subsection (a) of Section 11-1.50 (criminal sexual abuse), subsection (a), (c), or (d) of Section 11-1.60 (aggravated criminal sexual abuse), Section 11-6 (indecent solicitation of a child), Section 11-14.4 (promoting juvenile prostitution

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except for keeping a place of juvenile prostitution), Section 11-20.1 (child pornography), paragraph (a)(1), (a)(2), (a) (4), (b) (1), (b) (2), (e) (1), (e) (2), (e) (3), (e)(4), (e)(5), (e)(6), or (e)(7) of Section 12-3.05 (aggravated battery), Section 12-7.3 (stalking), Section 12-7.4 (aggravated stalking), Section 16-1 (theft if the theft is of precious metal or of scrap metal), subdivision (f)(2) or (f)(3) of Section 16-25 (retail theft), Section 18-2 (armed robbery), Section 19-1 (burglary), Section 19 - 2(possession of burglary tools), Section 19-3 (residential burglary), Section 20-1 (arson; residential arson; place of worship arson), Section 20-2 (possession of or explosives explosive or incendiary devices), subdivision (a)(6) or (a)(7) of Section 24-1 (unlawful use of weapons), Section 24-1.2 (aggravated discharge of a firearm), Section 24-1.2-5 (aggravated discharge of a machine qun or a firearm equipped with a device designed or used for silencing the report of a firearm), Section 24-1.5 (reckless discharge of a firearm), Section (gambling), or Section 29D-15.2 (possession of a deadly substance) of this Code;

- (2) an offense prohibited by Section 21, 22, 23, 24 or 26 of the Cigarette Tax Act if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft contains more than 10 cartons of such cigarettes;
  - (3) an offense prohibited by Section 28, 29, or 30 of

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2	vehicle, or aircraft contains more than 10 cartons of such
3	cigarettes;
4	(4) an offense prohibited by Section 44 of the
5	Environmental Protection Act;
6	(5) an offense prohibited by Section 11-204.1 of the
7	Illinois Vehicle Code (aggravated fleeing or attempting to
8	elude a peace officer);
9	(6) an offense prohibited by Section 11-501 of the
10	Illinois Vehicle Code (driving while under the influence of
11	alcohol or other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or
12	compounds or any combination thereof) or a similar
13	provision of a local ordinance, and:
14	(A) during a period in which his or her driving
15	privileges are revoked or suspended if the revocation
16	or suspension was for:
17	(i) Section 11-501 (driving under the
18	influence of alcohol or other drug or drugs,
19	intoxicating compound or compounds or any
20	combination thereof),
21	(ii) Section 11-501.1 (statutory summary
22	suspension or revocation),
23	(iii) paragraph (b) of Section 11-401 (motor
24	vehicle accidents involving death or personal
25	injuries), or

(iv) reckless homicide as defined in Section

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- (B) has been previously convicted of reckless homicide or a similar provision of a law of another state relating to reckless homicide in which the person was determined to have been under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, or intoxicating compound or compounds as an element of the offense or the person previously been convicted of committing has violation of driving under the influence of alcohol or other drua or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds or any combination thereof and was involved in a motor vehicle accident that resulted in death, great bodily harm, or permanent disability or disfigurement to another, when the violation was a proximate cause of the death or injuries;
- (C) the person committed a violation of driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds or any combination thereof under Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision for the third or subsequent time;
- (D) he or she did not possess a valid driver's license or permit or a valid restricted driving permit or a valid monitoring device driving permit; or
  - (E) he or she knew or should have known that the

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- (7) an offense described in subsection (g) of Section 6-303 of the Illinois Vehicle Code;
- (8) an offense described in subsection (e) of Section 6-101 of the Illinois Vehicle Code; or
- (9) (A) operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof under Section 5-16 of the Boat Registration and Safety Act during a period in which his or her privileges to operate a watercraft are revoked or suspended and the revocation or suspension was for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof; (B) operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof and has been previously convicted of reckless homicide or a similar provision of a law in another state relating to reckless homicide in which the person was determined to have been under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof as an element of the offense or the person has previously been convicted of committing a violation of operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination

thereof and was involved in an accident that resulted in death, great bodily harm, or permanent disability or disfigurement to another, when the violation was a proximate cause of the death or injuries; or (C) the person committed a violation of operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof under Section 5-16 of the Boat Registration and Safety Act or a similar provision for the third or subsequent time.

- (b) In addition, any mobile or portable equipment used in the commission of an act which is in violation of Section 7g of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture under the same procedures provided in this Article for the seizure and forfeiture of vessels or watercraft, vehicles, and aircraft, and any such equipment shall be deemed a vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft for purposes of this Article.
- (c) In addition, when a person discharges a firearm at another individual from a vehicle with the knowledge and consent of the owner of the vehicle and with the intent to cause death or great bodily harm to that individual and as a result causes death or great bodily harm to that individual, the vehicle shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture under the same procedures provided in this Article for the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles used in violations of clauses (1), (2), (3), or (4) of subsection (a) of this Section.

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(d) (Blank). If the spouse of the owner of a vehicle seized for an offense described in subsection (q) of Section 6-303 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, a violation of subdivision (d)(1)(A), (d)(1)(D), (d)(1)(G), (d)(1)(H), or (d)(1)(I) of Section 11 501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, or Section 9 3 of this Code makes a showing that the seized vehicle is the only source of transportation and it is determined that the financial hardship to the family as a result of the seizure outweighs the benefit to the State from the seizure, the vehicle may be forfeited to the spouse or family member and the title to the vehicle shall be transferred to the spouse or family member who is properly licensed and who requires the use of the vehicle for employment or family transportation purposes. A written declaration of forfeiture of a vehicle under this Section shall be sufficient cause for the title to be transferred to the spouse or family member. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to one forfeiture per vehicle. If the vehicle is the subject of a subsequent forfeiture proceeding by virtue of a subsequent conviction of either spouse or the family member, the spouse or family member to whom the vehicle was forfeited under the first forfeiture proceeding may not utilize the provisions of this paragraph in another forfeiture proceeding. If the owner of the vehicle seized owns more than one vehicle, the procedure set out in this paragraph may be used for only one vehicle.

(e) In addition, property subject to forfeiture declared

- 1 contraband under Section 40 of the Illinois Streetgang
- 2 Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act may be seized and forfeited
- 3 <u>under the procedures</u> under this Article.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 98-699, eff. 1-1-15; 98-1020, eff. 8-22-14;
- 5 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/36-1.1 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 36-1.1. Seizure.</u>
- 8 (a) Any property subject to forfeiture under this Article
- 9 <u>may be seized and impounded by the Director of State Police or</u>
- any peace officer upon process or seizure warrant issued by any
- 11 <u>court having jurisdiction over the property.</u>
- 12 (b) Any property subject to forfeiture under this Article
- may be seized and impounded by the Director of State Police or
- any peace officer without process if there is probable cause to
- 15 believe that the property is subject to forfeiture under
- 16 Section 36-1 of this Article, and the property is seized under
- 17 circumstances in which a warrantless seizure or arrest would be
- 18 reasonable.
- 19 (c) If the seized property is a conveyance, an
- investigation shall be made by the law enforcement agency as to
- 21 any person whose right, title, interest, or lien is of record
- in the office of the agency or official in which title or
- 23 interest to the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.
- 24 (d) After seizure under this Section, notice shall be given
- 25 to all known interest holders that forfeiture proceedings,

- 1 including a preliminary review, may be instituted under this
- 2 Article.
- $3 mtext{(720 ILCS } 5/36-1.2 \text{ new)}$
- 4 Sec. 36-1.2. Receipt for seized property. When a law
- 5 enforcement officer seizes property for forfeiture, the
- 6 officer shall provide an itemized receipt to the person
- 7 possessing the property or, in the absence of a person to whom
- 8 the receipt could be given, shall leave the receipt in the
- 9 place where the property was found, if possible.
- 10 (720 ILCS 5/36-1.3 new)
- 11 Sec. 36-1.3. Safekeeping of seized property pending
- 12 disposition.
- 13 (a) Property seized under this Article is deemed to be in
- 14 the custody of the seizing agency subject only to the order and
- judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the
- 16 forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's
- 17 Attorney under this Article.
- 18 (b) When property is seized, the seizing agency shall
- 19 promptly conduct an inventory of the seized property and
- 20 estimate the property's value, and shall:
- 21 (1) place the property under seal;
- 22 (2) remove the property to a place designated by the
- 23 seizing agency;
- 24 (3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing

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2	(4) remove the property to a storage area for
3	safekeeping;
4	(5) place the property under constructive seizure by
5	posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving
6	notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest
7	holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any
8	appropriate public record relating to the property; or
9	(6) provide for another agency or custodian, including
10	an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of
11	the property upon the terms and conditions set by the
12	seizing agency.
13	(c) Property seized under this Article shall be kept by the
14	custodian in a manner to protect it from theft or damage and,
15	if ordered by the court, insured against those risks.
16	(d) Property seized under this Article is subject to
17	reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
18	(720 ILCS 5/36-1.4 new)
19	Sec. 36-1.4. Notice to State's Attorney. The law
20	enforcement agency seizing property for forfeiture under this
21	Article shall, as soon as practicable but not later than 48

hours after the seizure, notify the State's Attorney for the county in which an act or omission giving rise to the seizure occurred or in which the property was seized and the facts and circumstances giving rise to the seizure occurred, and shall

- 1 provide the State's Attorney with the inventory of the property
- 2 and its estimated value. If the property seized for forfeiture
- 3 <u>is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency seizing the property</u>
- 4 shall immediately notify the Secretary of State that forfeiture
- 5 proceedings are pending.
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/36-1.5)
- 7 Sec. 36-1.5. Preliminary review.
- 8 (a) Within 14 days of the seizure, the State's Attorney in
- 9 the county in which the seizure occurred shall seek a
- 10 preliminary determination from the circuit court as to whether
- 11 there is probable cause that the property may be subject to
- 12 forfeiture.
- 13 (b) The rules of evidence shall not apply to any proceeding
- 14 conducted under this Section.
- 15 (c) The court may conduct the review under subsection (a)
- simultaneously with a proceeding pursuant to Section 109-1 of
- 17 the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for a related criminal
- 18 offense if a prosecution is commenced by information or
- 19 complaint.
- 20 (d) The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a
- 21 preliminary hearing following the filing of an information or
- 22 complaint charging a related criminal offense or following the
- 23 return of indictment by a grand jury charging the related
- 24 offense as sufficient evidence of probable cause as required
- 25 under subsection (a).

(e) Upon making a finding of probable cause as required under this Section, the circuit court shall order the property subject to the provisions of the applicable forfeiture Act held until the conclusion of any forfeiture proceeding.

For seizures of conveyances, at any time after within 7 days of a finding of probable cause under subsection (a), but at least 60 days before the trial of the forfeiture case, the registered owner or other claimant may file a motion in writing supported by sworn affidavits claiming that denial of the use of the conveyance during the pendency of the forfeiture proceedings creates a substantial hardship. The court shall consider the following factors in determining whether a substantial hardship has been proven:

- (1) the nature of the claimed hardship;
- (2) the availability of public transportation or other available means of transportation; and
- (3) any available alternatives to alleviate the hardship other than the return of the seized conveyance.

If the court determines that a substantial hardship has been proven, the court shall then balance the nature of the hardship against the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance. If the court determines that the hardship outweighs the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance, the court may temporarily release the conveyance to the registered owner or the registered owner's authorized designee, or both, until the conclusion of the forfeiture proceedings or for such

shorter period as ordered by the court provided that the person to whom the conveyance is released provides proof of insurance and a valid driver's license and all State and local registrations for operation of the conveyance are current. The court <u>may shall</u> place conditions on the conveyance limiting its use to the stated hardship and restricting the conveyance's use to only those individuals authorized to use the conveyance by the registered owner. The court <u>may shall</u> revoke the order releasing the conveyance and order that the conveyance be reseized by law enforcement if the conditions of release are violated or if the conveyance is used in the commission of any offense identified in subsection (a) of Section 6-205 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

the pendency of the forfeiture proceedings, the registered owner or his or her authorized designee shall post a cash security with the Clerk of the Court as ordered by the court. The court shall consider the following factors in determining the amount of the cash security:

(A) the full market value of the conveyance;

(B) the nature of the hardship;

22 <del>(C) the extent and length of the usage of the</del>

23 conveyance; and

(D) such other conditions as the court deems necessary to safeguard the conveyance.

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the registered owner or his or her designee safeguard the conveyance, not remove the conveyance from the jurisdiction, not conceal, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the conveyance, not encumber the conveyance, and not diminish the value of the conveyance in any way. The court shall also make a determination of the full market value of the conveyance prior to it being released based on a source or sources defined in 50 Ill. Adm. Code 919.80(c)(2)(A) or 919.80(c)(2)(B).

If the conveyance subject to forfeiture is released under this Section and is subsequently forfeited, the person to whom the conveyance was released shall return the conveyance to the law enforcement agency that seized the conveyance within 7 days from the date of the declaration of forfeiture or order of forfeiture. If the conveyance is not returned within 7 days, the cash security shall be forfeited in the same manner as the conveyance subject to forfeiture. If the cash security was less than the full market value, a judgment shall be entered against the parties to whom the conveyance was released and the registered owner, jointly and severally, for the difference between the full market value and the amount of the cash security. If the conveyance is returned in a condition other than the condition in which it was released, the cash security shall be returned to the surety who posted the security minus the amount of the diminished value, and that amount shall be forfeited in the same manner as the conveyance subject to forfeiture. Additionally, the court may enter an order allowing

- 1 any law enforcement agency in the State of Illinois to seize
- 2 the conveyance wherever it may be found in the State to satisfy
- 3 the judgment if the cash security was less than the full market
- 4 value of the conveyance.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 97-544, eff. 1-1-12; 97-680, eff. 3-16-12;
- 6 98-1020, eff. 8-22-14.)
- 7 (720 ILCS 5/36-1.6 new)
- 8 Sec. 36-1.6. Replevin hearing.
- 9 (a) At any time following the seizure of property under
- 10 this Article, but at least 60 days prior to trial of the
- 11 forfeiture case, any person who claims an ownership interest in
- the property may claim the right to possession of the property
- 13 by motion to the court to issue a writ of replevin. The movant
- shall file a motion establishing the validity of his or her
- 15 alleged interest in the property.
- 16 (b) The court shall hear the motion no more than 30 days
- 17 <u>after the moti</u>on is filed.
- 18 (c) If the motion for replevin is heard prior to the
- 19 preliminary review under Section 36-1.5 of this Code, the State
- 20 shall file a response showing probable cause for the seizure at
- 21 least 10 days before the hearing.
- 22 (d) Either party may, by agreement or for good cause, move
- the court for one extension of no more than 10 days. The motion
- 24 may be supported by affidavits or other submissions.
- 25 (e) The court shall issue a writ of replevin if it finds

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- 2 (1) it is likely the final judgment will require the 3 State to return the property to the claimant; or
  - (2) the property is the only reasonable means for a defendant to pay for legal representation in the forfeiture proceeding. At the court's discretion, it may order the return of property sufficient to obtain legal counsel but less than the total amount seized, and require an accounting.
- 10 (720 ILCS 5/36-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 36-2)
- 11 Sec. 36-2. <u>Complaint of Action for forfeiture</u>.
  - (a) If the The State's Attorney in the county in which the such seizure occurs if he or she finds that the alleged violation of law giving rise to the seizure forfeiture was incurred without willful negligence or without any intention on the part of the owner of the vessel or watercraft, vehicle or aircraft or any person whose right, title or interest is of record as described in Section 36-1 of this Article, to violate the law, or finds the existence of <del>such</del> mitigating circumstances as to justify remission of the forfeiture, he or she shall may cause the law enforcement agency having custody of the property to return the property to the owner within a reasonable time not to exceed 5 days to remit the same upon such terms and conditions as the State's Attorney deems reasonable and just. The State's Attorney shall exercise his or

1	her discretion under this subsection the foregoing provision of
2	this Section 36-2(a) prior to or promptly after the preliminary
3	review under Section 36-1.5 of this Article.

- (b) If, after review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that seized property is subject to forfeiture and the State's Attorney does not cause the forfeiture to be remitted under subsection (a) of this Section, he or she shall forthwith bring an action for forfeiture in the Circuit Court within whose jurisdiction the seizure and confiscation has taken place by filing a complaint of forfeiture proceeding as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days after a finding of probable cause at a preliminary review under Section 36-1.5 of this Article. A complaint of forfeiture proceeding shall include:
  - (1) a description of the property seized;
  - (2) the date and place of seizure of the property;
  - (3) the name and address of the law enforcement agency making the seizure;
  - (4) the specific statutory and factual grounds for the seizure;
  - (5) whether the property was seized under an order of seizure, and if the property was seized without an order of seizure, an affidavit from a law enforcement officer stating the factual and legal grounds for the seizure;
  - (6) in the complaint caption and in the complaint, the names of persons known to the State who may claim an

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interest in the property and the basis for each person's alleged interest; and

(7) a summary of procedures and procedural rights applicable to the forfeiture action.

(b-1) The complaint shall be served upon the person from whom the property was seized, upon each person whose right, title, or interest is of record in the office of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency, or any other department of this State, or any other state of the United States if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be so registered, as the case may be, and upon all persons known or reasonably believed by the State to claim an interest in the property, under Article II, Part 2, of the Code of Civil Procedure. The State's Attorney shall give notice of seizure and the forfeiture proceeding to each person according to the following method: upon each person whose right, title, or interest is of record in the office of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency, or any other department of this State, or any other state of the United States if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be registered, as the case may be, by delivering the notice complaint in open court or by certified mail to the address as given upon the records of the Secretary of State, the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of Transportation, the Capital

- Development Board, or any other department of this State or the United States if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be so registered.
- (c) (Blank). The owner of the seized vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft or any person whose right, title, or interest is of record as described in Section 36 1, may within 20 days after delivery in open court or the mailing of such notice file a verified answer to the Complaint and may appear at the hearing on the action for forfeiture.
- (d) (Blank). The State shall show at such hearing by a prependerance of the evidence, that such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft was used in the commission of an offense described in Section 36-1.
- (e) (Blank). The owner of such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft or any person whose right, title, or interest is of record as described in Section 36-1, may show by a preponderance of the evidence that he did not know, and did not have reason to know, that the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft was to be used in the commission of such an offense or that any of the exceptions set forth in Section 36-3 are applicable.
- (f) (Blank). Unless the State shall make such showing, the Court shall order such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft released to the owner. Where the State has made such showing, the Court may order the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft destroyed or may order it forfeited to any local,

- 1 municipal or county law enforcement agency, or the Department
  2 of State Police or the Department of Revenue of the State of
  3 Illinois.
  - (g) (Blank). A copy of the order shall be filed with the law enforcement agency, and with each Federal or State office or agency with which such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be registered. Such order, when filed, constitutes authority for the issuance of clear title to such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft, to the department or agency to whom it is delivered or any purchaser thereof. The law enforcement agency shall comply promptly with instructions to remit received from the State's Attorney or Attorney General in accordance with Sections 36-2(a) or 36-3.
  - (h) (Blank). The proceeds of any sale at public auction pursuant to Section 36-2 of this Act, after payment of all liens and deduction of the reasonable charges and expenses incurred by the State's Attorney's Office shall be paid to the law enforcement agency having seized the vehicle for forfeiture.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 98-699, eff. 1-1-15; 98-1020, eff. 8-22-14; 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.)
- 22 (720 ILCS 5/36-2.1 new)
- 23 <u>Sec. 36-2.1. Judicial procedures. The following judicial</u> 24 procedures shall apply to property seized under this Article:
- 25 (a) A judgment of forfeiture requires as a condition

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  9 otherwise assisting a law enforcement investigation or
  10 prosecution; or
- 11 (4) fled the jurisdiction after being charged with an

  12 offense for which forfeiture is authorized and released on

  13 bail.

A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Article, regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.

(b) The court shall stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment, complaint, or information alleging a violation of law giving rise to forfeiture under Section 36-1 of this Article. A stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject to forfeiture under Section 36-1 of this Article is not subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a

1	criminal case involving the seizure of the property unless the
2	return or release is consented to by the State's Attorney. Upon
3	dismissal of all related criminal proceedings underlying the
4	alleged violation of this Article giving rise to forfeiture,
5	the State's Attorney shall immediately move for dismissal of
6	the forfeiture action.
7	(c) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may
8	file an answer. For purposes of this Article, the owner or
9	interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. A person not
10	named in the forfeiture complaint who claims to have an
11	interest in the property may petition to intervene as a
12	claimant under Section 2-408 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
13	(d) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest
14	holder under penalty of perjury and must set forth:
15	(1) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the
16	notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the claimant;
17	(2) the address at which the claimant will accept mail;
18	(3) the nature and extent of the claimant's interest in
19	the property;
20	(4) the date, identity of transferor, and
21	circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the
22	interest in the property;
23	(5) the name and address of all other persons known to
24	have an interest in the property;
25	(6) if applicable, the specific provisions of Section
26	36-3 of this Article relied upon in asserting that the

1	<pre>property is exempt from forfeiture;</pre>
2	(7) all essential facts supporting each assertion; and
3	(8) the precise relief sought.
4	(e) The answer must be filed with the court within 45 days
5	after service of the complaint of forfeiture.
6	(f) The trial must be held within 60 days after filing of
7	the answer unless continued for good cause.
8	(g) The State shall have the burden of proving by clear and
9	convincing evidence that the property is subject to forfeiture
10	under Section 36-1 of this Article.
11	(h) If the State does not meet its burden of proof, the

- (h) If the State does not meet its burden of proof, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant.
- (i) If the State meets its burden of proof, then the court shall order the property forfeited to the State. A copy of the order shall be filed with the law enforcement agency, and with each federal or State office or agency with which the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be registered. The order, when filed, constitutes authority for the issuance of clear title to the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft, to the department or agency to whom it is delivered or any purchaser. The law enforcement agency shall comply with instructions to remit received from the State's Attorney or Attorney General under subsection (a) of Section 36-2 or 36-4 of this Article within a reasonable time not to exceed 5 days.
  - (j) Property subject to forfeiture under this Article is

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not subject to return or release by a court exercising
jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of the
property unless the return or release is consented to by the
State's Attorney.

(k) Provisional title to all property declared forfeited under this Article vests in the State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, any property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to forfeiture and thereafter shall be ordered forfeited. A claimant who acquired, as a transferee, an ownership interest in property that is the subject of forfeiture proceedings under this Article after the commission of the underlying violation of law giving rise to forfeiture under this Article, shall be barred from asserting that his or her interest in the property is exempt from forfeiture under subsection (c) of Section 36-3 of this Article, unless the claimant shows by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured creditor, lienholder, or bona fide purchaser, without knowledge of the seizure of the property and without notice of any defect in title.

(1) A civil action under this Article must be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later,

- excluding any time during which either the property or claimant
  is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal
  proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.
  - (m) A claimant is not jointly and severally liable for forfeiture awards owed by other claimants. If ownership is unclear, a court may order each claimant to forfeit property on a pro rata basis or by another means the court finds equitable.
- 8 (720 ILCS 5/36-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 36-3)
- 9 Sec. 36-3. Exemptions from Exceptions to forfeiture.
  - (a) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as such common carrier may be forfeited under the provisions of Section 36-2 of this Article unless the State proves by clear and convincing evidence it appears that (1) in the case of a railway car or engine, the owner, or (2) in the case of any other such vessel or watercraft, vehicle or aircraft, the owner or the master of such vessel or watercraft or the owner or conductor, driver, pilot, or other person in charge of such vehicle or aircraft was at the time of the alleged illegal act a consenting party or privy thereto.
  - (b) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft shall be forfeited under the provisions of Section 36-2 of this Article by reason of any act or omission established by the owner thereof to have been committed or omitted by any person other than such owner while such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or

- aircraft was unlawfully in the possession of a person who acquired possession thereof in violation of the criminal laws of the United States, or of any state.
- 4 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the property of an innocent owner shall not be forfeited under 5 this Article. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (k) of 6 7 Section 36-2.1 of this Article, no property interest shall be subject to forfeiture under this Article unless the State 8 9 proves by clear and convincing evidence that the violation of 10 law giving rise to forfeiture under Section 36-1 of this 11 Article was committed with the knowledge and consent of the 12 owner.
- (d) Homesteaded real property, a motor vehicle of less than \$10,000 in market value, or United States currency totaling \$200 or less is not subject to forfeiture under this Article.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 98-699, eff. 1-1-15.)
- 17 (720 ILCS 5/36-3.1 new)
- 18 <u>Sec. 36-3.1. Proportionality hearing.</u>
- (a) If property has been declared forfeited under Section

  36-2.1 of this Article, a claimant may, within 30 days of the

  effective date of the judgment of forfeiture, petition the

  court that the forfeiture is grossly disproportional to the

  seriousness of the offense. The claimant shall bear the burden

  of persuasion by a preponderance of the evidence at a hearing

  conducted by the court without a jury. In determining whether

1	the forfeiture is excessive, the court may consider all
2	relevant factors, including, but not limited to:
3	(1) the seriousness of the offense and its impact on
4	the community, including the duration of the activity and
5	the harm caused by the claimant;
6	(2) the extent to which the claimant participated in
7	the offense;
8	(3) the extent to which the property was used in
9	committing the offense;
10	(4) the sentence imposed for committing the crime
11	subject to forfeiture; and
12	(5) whether the offense was completed or attempted.
13	(b) In determining the value of the property subject to
14	forfeiture, the court may consider all relevant factors,
15	<pre>including, but not limited to:</pre>
16	(1) the fair market value of the property;
17	(2) the value of the property to the claimant,
18	including hardship to the claimant if the forfeiture is
19	realized; and
20	(3) the hardship from the loss of the property to the
21	claimant's family members or others if the property is
22	forfeited.
23	(c) The court may not consider the monetary value of the
24	property to the State in determining whether the forfeiture of
25	property is disproportional to the seriousness of the offense.
26	(d) If the claimant prevails in a proportionality hearing

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1 <u>under this Section, the court may:</u>

- 2 (1) order the property returned or conveyed to the claimant; or
- (2) order that the property be sold and the proceeds

  divided between the claimant and the State in a manner as

  the court deems just and equitable.

7 (720 ILCS 5/36-3.2 new)

Sec. 36-3.2. Forfeiture to spouse or family member. If the spouse of the owner of a vehicle seized for an offense described in subsection (g) of Section 6-303 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, a violation of subparagraph (A), (D), (G), (H), or (I) of paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, or Section 9-3 of this Code makes a showing that the seized vehicle is the only source of transportation and it is determined that the financial hardship to the family as a result of the seizure outweighs the benefit to the State from the seizure, the vehicle may be forfeited to the spouse or family member and the title to the vehicle shall be transferred to the spouse or family member who is properly licensed and who requires the use of the vehicle for employment or family transportation purposes. A written declaration of forfeiture of a vehicle under this Section shall be sufficient cause for the title to be transferred to the spouse or family member. This Section applies only to one forfeiture per vehicle. If the vehicle is the subject of a subsequent

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forfeiture proceeding by virtue of a subsequent conviction of either spouse or the family member, the spouse or family member to whom the vehicle was forfeited under the first forfeiture proceeding may not utilize this Section in another forfeiture proceeding. If the owner of the vehicle seized owns more than one vehicle, the procedure set out in this Section may be used for only one vehicle.

8 (720 ILCS 5/36-6 new)

- Sec. 36-6. Return of property; damages and costs.
- 10 (a) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of 11 property seized for forfeiture shall return to the claimant, 12 within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 5 days after 13 the court orders the property to be returned or conveyed to the 14 claimant:
- 15 (1) property ordered by the court to be conveyed or 16 returned to the claimant under subsection (h) of Section 36-2.1 of this Article; and 17
- 18 (2) property ordered by the court to be conveyed or returned to the claimant under subsection (d) of Section 19 20 36-3.1 of this Article.
- (b) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of property seized under this Article is responsible for any 23 damages, storage fees, and related costs applicable to property 24 returned to a claimant under this Article. The claimant shall 25 not be subject to any charges by the State for storage of the

- 1 property or expenses incurred in the preservation of the
- 2 property.
- 3 (720 ILCS 5/36-7 new)
- 4 Sec. 36-7. Abandoned property. Abandoned property shall be
- 5 delivered to the Department of State Police within 30 days. For
- 6 purposes of this Section, "abandoned property" means personal
- 7 property left by an owner who intentionally relinquishes all
- 8 rights to its control. Real property may not be abandoned.
- 9 (720 ILCS 5/36-8 new)
- 10 <u>Sec. 36-8. Distribution of proceeds; selling or retaining</u>
- 11 <u>seized property prohibited.</u>
- 12 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the court
- 13 shall order that property forfeited under this Article be
- 14 delivered to the Department of State Police within 30 days.
- 15 (b) Upon motion, the court may order that a portion of the
- 16 currency seized or proceeds from public auction be used to pay
- 17 <u>reasonable non-personnel expenses of the seizure, storage, and</u>
- 18 maintenance of custody of any forfeited items.
- 19 (c) The Department of State Police or its designee shall
- 20 dispose of all forfeited and abandoned conveyances at public
- 21 auction. The auction proceeds shall first be used to pay all
- outstanding recorded liens on the conveyance, then to comply
- 23 with an order of the court to pay reasonable non-personnel
- 24 expenses, with all remaining funds to be deposited into the

- 1 <u>Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund.</u>
- 2 (d) A law enforcement agency shall not retain a forfeited
- 3 or abandoned conveyance for its own use or transfer the
- 4 conveyance to any employee of the agency, to a person related
- 5 to an employee by blood or marriage, or to another law
- 6 enforcement agency.
- 7 (720 ILCS 5/36-9 new)
- 8 <u>Sec. 36-9. Reporting. Property seized or forfeited under</u>
- 9 this Article is subject to reporting under the Seizure and
- 10 Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 11 (720 ILCS 5/47-15)
- 12 Sec. 47-15. Dumping garbage upon real property.
- 13 (a) It is unlawful for a person to dump, deposit, or place
- 14 garbage, rubbish, trash, or refuse upon real property not owned
- by that person without the consent of the owner or person in
- 16 possession of the real property.
- 17 (b) A person who violates this Section is liable to the
- 18 owner or person in possession of the real property on which the
- 19 garbage, rubbish, trash, or refuse is dumped, deposited, or
- 20 placed for the reasonable costs incurred by the owner or person
- in possession for cleaning up and properly disposing of the
- 22 garbage, rubbish, trash, or refuse, and for reasonable
- 23 attorneys' fees.
- 24 (c) A person violating this Section is guilty of a Class B

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misdemeanor for which the court must impose a minimum fine of \$500. A second conviction for an offense committed after the first conviction is a Class A misdemeanor for which the court must impose a minimum fine of \$500. A third or subsequent violation, committed after a second conviction, is a Class 4 felony for which the court must impose a minimum fine of \$500. A person who violates this Section and who has an equity interest in a motor vehicle used in violation of this Section is presumed to have the financial resources to pay the minimum fine not exceeding his or her equity interest in the vehicle. Personal property used by a person in violation of this Section shall on the third or subsequent conviction of the person be forfeited to the State county where the violation occurred and disposed of at a public sale. Before the forfeiture, the court shall conduct a hearing to determine whether property is subject to forfeiture under this Section. At the forfeiture hearing the State has the burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that property is subject to forfeiture under this Section. Proceeds from the sale of property forfeited under this Section shall be deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund. Property seized or forfeited under this Section is subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

(d) The statutory minimum fine required by subsection (c) is not subject to reduction or suspension unless the defendant is indigent. If the defendant files a motion with the court

- 1 asserting his or her inability to pay the mandatory fine
- 2 required by this Section, the court must set a hearing on the
- 3 motion before sentencing. The court must require an affidavit
- 4 signed by the defendant containing sufficient information to
- 5 ascertain the assets and liabilities of the defendant. If the
- 6 court determines that the defendant is indigent, the court must
- 7 require that the defendant choose either to pay the minimum
- 8 fine of \$500 or to perform 100 hours of community service.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-409, eff. 1-1-00.)
- 10 (720 ILCS 5/36-la rep.)
- 11 (720 ILCS 5/36-5 rep.)
- 12 Section 185. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by
- repealing Sections 36-1a and 36-5.
- 14 Section 190. The Cannabis Control Act is amended by
- 15 changing Section 12 as follows:
- 16 (720 ILCS 550/12) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 712)
- 17 Sec. 12. (a) The following are subject to forfeiture:
- 18 (1) (blank); all substances containing cannabis which
- 19 have been produced, manufactured, delivered, or possessed
- 20 in violation of this Act:
- 21 (2) all raw materials, products and equipment of any
- 22 kind which are produced, delivered, or possessed in
- 23 connection with any substance containing cannabis in  $\underline{a}$

felony violation of Section 5, 5.1, 8, or 9 of this Act;

- (3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of any substance containing cannabis or property described in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection (a) that constitutes a felony violation of Section 5, 5.1, 8, or 9 of this the Act, but:
  - (i) no conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to the a violation of this Act;
  - (ii) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this Section by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his knowledge or consent;
  - (iii) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;
- (4) all money, things of value, books, records, and research products and materials including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data which are used, or intended for use in a felony violation of Section 5, 5.1, 8, or 9 of

this Act;

- (5) everything of value furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a substance in <u>a</u> <u>felony</u> violation of <u>Section 5, 5.1, 8, or 9 of</u> this Act, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used, or intended to be used, to commit or in any manner to facilitate any felony violation of <u>Section 5, 5.1, 8, or 9 of</u> this Act;
- (6) all real property, including any right, title, and interest including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest to a land trust, in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, that is used or intended to be used to facilitate the manufacture, distribution, sale, receipt, or concealment of any substance containing cannabis or property described in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection (a) that constitutes a felony violation of Section 5, 5.1, 8, or 9 of this Act which involves more than 2,000 grams of a substance containing cannabis or that is the proceeds of any felony violation of Section 5, 5.1, 8, or 9 of this Act.
- (b) Property subject to forfeiture under this Act may be seized under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. by the Director or any peace officer upon process or seizure warrant issued by any court having jurisdiction over the property. Seizure by the Director or any peace officer without process

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- (1) if the property subject to seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a criminal proceeding or in an injunction or forfeiture proceeding based upon this Act or the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act;
- (2) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety;
- (3) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to forfeiture under this Act and the property is seized under circumstances in which a warrantless seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
- (4) in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.
- (b), notice shall be given forthwith to all known interest holders that forfeiture proceedings, including a preliminary review, shall be instituted in accordance with the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act and such proceedings shall thereafter be instituted in accordance with that Act. Upon a showing of good cause, the notice required for a preliminary review under this Section may be postponed.
- (c-1) In the event the State's Attorney is of the opinion that real property is subject to forfeiture under this Act, forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted in accordance with

the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. The exemptions from forfeiture provisions of Section 8 of the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act are applicable.

- (d) (Blank). Property taken or detained under this Section shall not be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's Attorney under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. When property is seized under this Act, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized property, estimate the property's value, and shall forward a copy of the inventory of seized property and the estimate of the property's value to the Director. Upon receiving notice of seizure, the Director may:
  - (1) place the property under seal;
  - (2) remove the property to a place designated by him;
  - (3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency;
    - (4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable instrument or money and is not needed for evidentiary purposes, deposit it in an interest bearing account;
    - (5) place the property under constructive seizure by posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any

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appropriate public record relating to the property; or

(6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the Director.

- (e) (Blank). No disposition may be made of property under seal until the time for taking an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals have been concluded unless a court, upon application therefor, orders the sale of perishable substances and the deposit of the proceeds of the sale with the court.
- (f) (Blank). When property is forfeited under this Act the Director shall sell all such property unless such property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance with subsection (q). However, upon the application of the seizing agency or prosecutor who was responsible for the investigation, arrest or arrests and prosecution which lead to the forfeiture, the Director may return any item of forfeited property to the seizing agency or prosecutor for official use in the enforcement of laws relating to cannabis or controlled substances, if the agency or prosecutor can demonstrate that the item requested would be useful to the agency or prosecutor in their enforcement efforts. When any forfeited conveyance, including an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, is returned to the seizing agency or prosecutor, the conveyance may be used

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immediately in the enforcement of the criminal laws of this State. Upon disposal, all proceeds from the sale of the conveyance must be used for drug enforcement purposes. When any real property returned to the seizing agency is sold by the agency or its unit of government, the proceeds of the sale shall be delivered to the Director and distributed in accordance with subsection (g).

(g) (Blank). All monies and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized under this Act shall be distributed as follows:

(1) (i) 65% shall be distributed to the metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or state law enforcement agency or agencies which conducted participated in the investigation resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or for security cameras used for the prevention or detection of violence,

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1	except that amounts distributed to the Secretary of State
2	shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Evidence
3	Fund to be used as provided in Section 2-115 of the
4	<del>Illinois Vehicle Code.</del>
5	(ii) Any local, municipal, or county law enforcement
6	agency entitled to receive a monetary distribution of
7	forfeiture proceeds may share those forfeiture proceeds
8	pursuant to the terms of an intergovernmental agreement
9	with a municipality that has a population in excess of
LO	<del>20,000 if:</del>
L1	(I) the receiving agency has entered into an
12	intergovernmental agreement with the municipality to
13	provide police services;
14	(II) the intergovernmental agreement for police
15	services provides for consideration in an amount of not
16	<del>less than \$1,000,000 per year;</del>
17	(III) the seizure took place within the
18	geographical limits of the municipality; and
19	(IV) the funds are used only for the enforcement of
20	laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for
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station, the purchase of law enforcement equipment, or vehicles.

(2) (i) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance treatment facilities and half-way houses. counties over 3,000,000 population, 25% will be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance abuse treatment facilities and half-way houses. If the prosecution is undertaken solely by the Attorney General, the portion provided hereunder shall be distributed to the Attorney General for use in the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances.

1	(ii) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the
2	State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in
3	the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund of that Office to be
4	used for additional expenses incurred in the
5	investigation, prosecution and appeal of cases arising
6	under laws governing cannabis and controlled substances or
7	for public education in the community or schools in the
8	prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.
9	The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor
10	shall not receive distribution from cases brought in
11	counties with over 3,000,000 population.

- (3) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State for expenses related to the administration of seized and forfeited property.
- (h) Contraband, including cannabis possessed without 15 16 authorization under State or federal law, is not subject to 17 forfeiture. No property right exists in contraband. Contraband is subject to seizure and shall be disposed of according to 18
- 19 State law.

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- (Source: P.A. 99-686, eff. 7-29-16.) 20
- 21 Section 195. The Illinois Controlled Substances Act is 22 amended by changing Section 505 as follows:
- 23 (720 ILCS 570/505) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1505)
- 24 Sec. 505. (a) The following are subject to forfeiture:

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1	(1) (blank); all substances which have been
2	manufactured, distributed, dispensed, or possessed in
3	violation of this Act;
4	(2) all raw materials, products and equipment of any
5	kind which are used, or intended for use in manufacturing,
6	distributing, dispensing, administering or possessing any
7	substance in violation of this Act;
8	(3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or
9	vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport,
10	or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale,
11	receipt, possession, or concealment of <u>substances</u>
12	manufactured, distributed, dispensed, administered, or
13	possessed in violation of Section 401, 401.1, 405, 405.1,
14	or 405.2 of this Act, or property described in paragraph
15	paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection (a), but:
16	(i) no conveyance used by any person as a common
17	carrier in the transaction of business as a common
18	carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section
19	unless it appears that the owner or other person in
20	charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy
21	to the a violation of this Act;
22	(ii) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture under
23	this Section by reason of any act or omission which the

owner proves to have been committed or omitted without

(iii) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a

his or her knowledge or consent;

bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he or she neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;

- (4) all money, things of value, books, records, and research products and materials including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data which are used, or intended to be used in violation of <u>Section 401, 401.1, 405, 405.1</u>, or 405.2 of this Act;
- (5) everything of value furnished, or intended to be furnished, in exchange for a substance in violation of Section 401, 401.1, 405, 405.1, or 405.2 of this Act, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used, or intended to be used, to commit or in any manner to facilitate any violation of Section 401, 401.1, 405, 405.1, or 405.2 of this Act;
- (6) all real property, including any right, title, and interest (including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust) in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any violation or act that constitutes a violation of Section 401 or 405 of this Act or that is the proceeds of any violation or act that constitutes a violation of Section 401 or 405 of this Act.

1	(b) Property subject to forfeiture under this Act may be
2	seized <u>under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.</u> by the
3	Director or any peace officer upon process or seizure warrant
4	issued by any court having jurisdiction over the property.
5	Seizure by the Director or any peace officer without process
6	may be made:
7	(1) if the seizure is incident to inspection under an
8	administrative inspection warrant;
9	(2) if the property subject to seizure has been the
_0	subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a
1	criminal proceeding, or in an injunction or forfeiture
2	proceeding based upon this Act or the Drug Asset Forfeiture
13	Procedure Act;
4	(3) if there is probable cause to believe that the
.5	property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or
. 6	safety;
_7	(4) if there is probable cause to believe that the
8	property is subject to forfeiture under this Act and the
_9	property is seized under circumstances in which a
20	warrantless seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
21	(5) in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure
22	of 1963.
23	(c) (Blank). In the event of seizure pursuant to subsection
24	(b), notice shall be given forthwith to all known interest
25	holders that forfeiture proceedings, including a preliminary

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- (d) (Blank). Property taken or detained under this Section shall not be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's Attorney under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. When property is seized under this Act, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized property and estimate the property's value, and shall forward a copy of the inventory of seized property and the estimate of the property's value to the Director. Upon receiving notice of seizure, the Director may:
  - (1) place the property under seal;
  - (2) remove the property to a place designated by the
  - (3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency;
  - (4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable instrument or money and is not needed for evidentiary purposes, deposit it in an interest bearing account;
  - (5) place the property under constructive seizure by posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving

notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest
holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any
appropriate public record relating to the property; or

- (6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the Director.
- (e) If the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation suspends or revokes a registration, all controlled substances owned or possessed by the registrant at the time of suspension or the effective date of the revocation order may be placed under seal by the Director. No disposition may be made of substances under seal until the time for taking an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals have been concluded unless a court, upon application therefor, orders the sale of perishable substances and the deposit of the proceeds of the sale with the court. Upon a suspension or revocation order becoming final, all substances may be subject to seizure or forfeiture under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. forfeited to the Illinois State Police.
- (f) (Blank). When property is forfeited under this Act the Director shall sell all such property unless such property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance with subsection (g). However, upon the application of the seizing agency or

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(g) (Blank). All monies and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized under this Act shall be distributed as follows:

(1) (i) 65% shall be distributed to the metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or state law enforcement agency or agencies which conducted or participated in the investigation resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the

law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or for security cameras used for the prevention or detection of violence, except that amounts distributed to the Secretary of State shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Evidence Fund to be used as provided in Section 2-115 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(ii) Any local, municipal, or county law enforcement agency entitled to receive a monetary distribution of forfeiture proceeds may share those forfeiture proceeds pursuant to the terms of an intergovernmental agreement with a municipality that has a population in excess of 20,000 if:

- (I) the receiving agency has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the municipality to provide police services;
- (II) the intergovernmental agreement for police services provides for consideration in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per year;

(III) the seizure took place within the geographical limits of the municipality; and

(IV) the funds are used only for the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or for security cameras used for the prevention or detection of violence or the establishment of a municipal police force, including the training of officers, construction of a police station, the purchase of law enforcement equipment, or vehicles.

(2) (i) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance abuse treatment facilities and half-way houses. In counties over 3,000,000 population, 25% will be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and

controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance abuse treatment facilities and half way houses. If the prosecution is undertaken solely by the Attorney General, the portion provided hereunder shall be distributed to the Attorney General for use in the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

(ii) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund of that office to be used for additional expenses incurred in the investigation, prosecution and appeal of cases arising under laws governing cannabis and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall not receive distribution from cases brought in counties with over 3,000,000 population.

(3) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State
Police for expenses related to the administration and sale
of seized and forfeited property.

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- (Blank). Species of plants from which controlled 2 substances in Schedules I and II may be derived which have been planted or cultivated in violation of this Act, or of which the owners or cultivators are unknown, or which are wild growths, may be seized and summarily forfeited to the State. The failure, upon demand by the Director or any peace officer, of 7 the person in occupancy or in control of land or premises upon which the species of plants are growing or being stored, produce registration, or proof that he or she is the holder thereof, constitutes authority for the seizure and forfeiture of the plants.
- (i) Contraband, including controlled substances possessed without authorization under State or federal law, is not subject to forfeiture. No property right exists in contraband. Contraband is subject to seizure and shall be disposed of 16 according to State law.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 99-686, eff. 7-29-16.)
- Section 200. The Methamphetamine Control and Community 18 Protection Act is amended by changing Section 85 as follows: 19
- 20 (720 ILCS 646/85)
- Sec. 85. Forfeiture. 21
- (a) The following are subject to forfeiture: 22
- 23 (1) (blank); all substances containing methamphetamine 24 which have been produced, manufactured, delivered,

## possessed in violation of this Act;

- (2) all methamphetamine manufacturing materials which have been produced, delivered, or possessed in connection with any substance containing methamphetamine in violation of Section 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 56, or 65 of this Act;
- (3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of any substance containing methamphetamine or property described in paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection (a) that constitutes a felony violation of Section 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 56, or 65 of this the Act, but:
  - (i) no conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to the a violation of this Act;
  - (ii) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this Section by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his or her knowledge or consent;
  - (iii) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest

of the secured party if he or she neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;

- (4) all money, things of value, books, records, and research products and materials including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data which are used, or intended for use in a felony violation of <u>Section 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 56, or 65 of this Act;</u>
- (5) everything of value furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a substance in violation of Section 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 56, or 65 of this Act, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used, or intended to be used, to commit or in any manner to facilitate any felony violation of Section 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 56, or 65 of this Act.
- (6) all real property, including any right, title, and interest (including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust) in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, which is used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any violation or act that constitutes a violation of Section 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 56, or 65 of this Act or that is the proceeds of any violation or act that constitutes a violation or act that constitutes a violation or act that constitutes a violation of Section 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 56, or 65 of this Act.

(b)	Prope	erty	subje	ct to	forfeiture	under	this	Act	may	be
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- (1) if the property subject to seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a criminal proceeding or in an injunction or forfeiture proceeding based upon this Act or the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act;
- (2) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety;
- (3) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to forfeiture under this Act and the property is seized under circumstances in which a warrantless seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
- (4) in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.
- (c) (Blank). In the event of seizure pursuant to subsection (b), notice shall be given forthwith to all known interest holders that forfeiture proceedings, including a preliminary review, shall be instituted in accordance with the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act and such proceedings shall thereafter be instituted in accordance with that Act. Upon a showing of

good cause, the notice required for a preliminary review under this Section may be postponed.

- (d) (Blank). Property taken or detained under this Section is not subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's Attorney under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. When property is seized under this Act, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized property, estimate the property's value, and forward a copy of the inventory of seized property and the estimate of the property's value to the Director. Upon receiving notice of seizure, the Director may:
- (1) place the property under seal;
  - (2) remove the property to a place designated by him or
    - (3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency;
    - (4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable instrument or money and is not needed for evidentiary purposes, deposit it in an interest bearing account;
    - (5) place the property under constructive seizure by posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any

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(6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the Director.

- (e) (Blank). No disposition may be made of property under seal until the time for taking an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals have been concluded unless a court, upon application therefor, orders the sale of perishable substances and the deposit of the proceeds of the sale with the court.
- (f) (Blank). When property is forfeited under this Act, the Director shall sell the property unless the property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance with subsection (q). However, upon the application of the seizing agency or prosecutor who was responsible for the investigation, arrest or arrests and prosecution which lead to the forfeiture, the Director may return any item of forfeited property to the seizing agency or prosecutor for official use in the enforcement of laws relating to methamphetamine, cannabis, or controlled substances, if the agency or prosecutor demonstrates that the item requested would be useful to agency or prosecutor in their enforcement efforts. When any forfeited conveyance, including an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, is returned to the seizing agency or prosecutor, the

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(g) (Blank). All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized under this Act shall be distributed as follows:

(1) (i) 65% shall be distributed to the metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies which conducted participated in the investigation resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws governing methamphetamine, cannabis, and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or for security cameras used for the

1	prevention or detection of violence, except that amounts
2	distributed to the Secretary of State shall be deposited
3	into the Secretary of State Evidence Fund to be used as
4	provided in Section 2-115 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
5	(ii) Any local, municipal, or county law enforcement
6	agency entitled to receive a monetary distribution of
7	forfeiture proceeds may share those forfeiture proceeds
8	pursuant to the terms of an intergovernmental agreement
9	with a municipality that has a population in excess of
10	<del>20,000 if:</del>
11	(I) the receiving agency has entered into an
12	intergovernmental agreement with the municipality to
13	provide police services;
14	(II) the intergovernmental agreement for police

services provides for consideration in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per year;

(III) the seizure took place within the geographical limits of the municipality; and

(IV) the funds are used only for the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or for security cameras used for the prevention or detection of violence or the establishment of a municipal police force, including the training of officers, construction of a police

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(2) (i) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing methamphetamine, cannabis, and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance abuse treatment facilities and half-way houses. In counties with a population over 3,000,000, 25% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing methamphetamine, cannabis, and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance abuse treatment facilities and half-way houses. If the prosecution is undertaken solely by the Attorney General, the portion provided hereunder shall be distributed to the Attorney General for use in the enforcement of laws governing methamphetamine, cannabis,

and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

(ii) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund of that Office to be used for additional expenses incurred in the investigation, prosecution and appeal of cases arising under laws governing methamphetamine, cannabis, and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall not receive distribution from cases brought in counties with a population over 3,000,000.

(3) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State
Police for expenses related to the administration and sale
of seized and forfeited property.

(h) Contraband, including methamphetamine or any controlled substance possessed without authorization under State or federal law, is not subject to forfeiture. No property right exists in contraband. Contraband is subject to seizure and shall be disposed of according to State law.

(Source: P.A. 99-686, eff. 7-29-16.)

Section 205. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is

1 amended by changing Sections	124B-305,	124B-420,	124B-505,
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- 2 124B-605, 124B-710, 124B-715, 124B-825, 124B-935, and
- 3 124B-1040 and by adding Section 124B-195 as follows:
- 4 (725 ILCS 5/124B-195 new)
- 5 Sec. 124B-195. Reporting. Property seized or forfeited
- 6 <u>under this Article is subject to reporting under the Seizure</u>
- 7 and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 8 (725 ILCS 5/124B-305)
- 9 Sec. 124B-305. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 10 All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property
- 11 forfeited and seized under this Part 300 shall be distributed
- 12 as follows:
- 13 (1) (Blank). 45% shall be divided equally between all
- 14 State agencies and units of local government whose officers
- or employees conducted the investigation or initiated the
- 16 hearing that resulted in the forfeiture.
- 17 (2) 50% shall be deposited into the Specialized
- 18 Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking Fund and
- disbursed in accordance with subsections (d), (e), and (f)
- of Section 5-9-1.21 of the Unified Code of Corrections.
- 21 (3) 50% 5% shall be deposited into the Asset Forfeiture
- 22 <u>Proceeds Fund</u> paid to the Office of the State's Attorneys
- 23 Appellate Prosecutor to train State's Attorneys on
- 24 <u>forfeiture proceedings and topics related to human</u>

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2 (Source: P.A. 97-897, eff. 1-1-13; 98-1013, eff. 1-1-15.)

3 (725 ILCS 5/124B-420)

4 Sec. 124B-420. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.

(a) All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized under this Part 400 shall be <u>deposited</u>

<u>into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund.</u> <u>distributed as</u>

<u>follows:</u>

(1) 50% shall be distributed to the unit of local government whose officers or employees conducted the investigation into the offense and caused the arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the forfeiture, except that if the investigation, arrest or arrests, and prosecution leading to the forfeiture were undertaken by the sheriff, this portion shall be distributed to the county for deposit into a special fund in the county treasury appropriated to the sheriff. Amounts distributed to the county for the sheriff or to units of local government under this paragraph shall be used for enforcement of laws or ordinances governing obscenity and child pornography. If the investigation, arrest or arrests, and prosecution leading to the forfeiture undertaken solely by a State agency, however, the portion designated in this paragraph shall be paid into the State treasury to be used for enforcement of laws governing

obscenity and child pornography.

(2) 25% shall be distributed to the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited into a special fund in the county treasury, and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing obscenity and child pornography.

- (3) 25% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited into the Obscenity Profits Forfeiture Fund, which is hereby created in the State treasury, to be used by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for additional expenses incurred in prosecuting appeals arising under Sections 11-20, 11-20.1, 11-20.1B, and 11-20.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012. Any amounts remaining in the Fund after all additional expenses have been paid shall be used by the Office to reduce the participating county contributions to the Office on a pro rated basis as determined by the board of governors of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor based on the populations of the participating counties.
- (b) Before any <u>deposit</u> <u>distribution</u> under subsection (a), the Attorney General or State's Attorney shall retain from the forfeited moneys or sale proceeds, or both, sufficient moneys to cover expenses related to the administration and sale of the forfeited property.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11;
- 2 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- 3 (725 ILCS 5/124B-505)
- 4 Sec. 124B-505. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 5 (a) All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property
- 6 forfeited and seized under this Part 500 shall be distributed
- 7 as follows:
- 8 (1) One-half shall be <u>deposited</u> into the Asset
- 9 Forfeiture Proceeds Fund divided equally between all State
- 10 agencies and units of local government whose officers or
- 11 employees conducted the investigation that resulted in the
- 12 <del>forfeiture</del>.
- 13 (2) One-half shall be deposited into the Violent Crime
- 14 Victims Assistance Fund.
- 15 (b) Before any deposit distribution under subsection (a),
- 16 the Attorney General or State's Attorney shall retain from the
- forfeited moneys or sale proceeds, or both, sufficient moneys
- 18 to cover expenses related to the administration and sale of the
- 19 forfeited property.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 21 (725 ILCS 5/124B-605)
- 22 Sec. 124B-605. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 23 (a) All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property
- 24 forfeited and seized under this Part 600 shall be <u>deposited</u>

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into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund. distributed as
follows:

(1) 50% shall be distributed to the unit of local government whose officers or employees conducted the investigation into computer fraud and caused the arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the forfeiture. Amounts distributed to units of local government shall be used for training or enforcement purposes relating to detection, investigation, or prosecution of financial crimes, including computer fraud. If, however, the investigation, arrest or arrests, and prosecution leading to the forfeiture were undertaken solely by a State agency, the portion provided under this paragraph (1) shall be paid into the State Police Services Fund of the Illinois Department of State Police to be used for training or enforcement purposes relating to detection, investigation, or prosecution of financial crimes, including computer fraud.

(2) 50% shall be distributed to the county in which the prosecution and petition for forfeiture resulting in the forfeiture was instituted by the State's Attorney and shall be deposited into a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in training or enforcement purposes relating to detection, investigation, or prosecution of financial crimes, including computer fraud. If a prosecution and petition for forfeiture

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resulting in the forfeiture has been maintained by the 1 2 Attorney General, 50% of the proceeds shall be paid into the Attorney General's Financial Crime Prevention Fund. If 3 the Attorney General and the State's Attorney have 4 5 participated jointly in any part of the proceedings, 25% of 6 the proceeds forfeited shall be paid to the county in which 7 the prosecution and petition for forfeiture resulting in the forfeiture occurred, and 25% shall be paid into 8 9 Attorney General's Financial Crime Prevention Fund to be 10 used for the purposes stated in this paragraph (2).

- (b) Before any <u>deposit</u> <u>distribution</u> under subsection (a), the Attorney General or State's Attorney shall retain from the forfeited moneys or sale proceeds, or both, sufficient moneys to cover expenses related to the administration and sale of the forfeited property.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 17 (725 ILCS 5/124B-710)
- Sec. 124B-710. Sale of forfeited property by Director of State Police; return to seizing agency or prosecutor.
  - (a) The court shall authorize the Director of State Police to seize any property declared forfeited under this Article on terms and conditions the court deems proper.
- 23 (b) When property is forfeited under this Part 700, the 24 Director of State Police shall sell the property unless the 25 property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to

- the public. The Director shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance with Section 124B-715.
- (c) (Blank). On the application of the seizing agency or 4 5 prosecutor who was responsible for the investigation, arrest, 6 and prosecution that lead to the forfeiture, however, the 7 Director may return any item of forfeited property to the 8 seizing agency or prosecutor for official use 9 enforcement of laws relating to Article 17B or Section 17 6.3 10 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 if 11 the agency or prosecutor can demonstrate that the item 12 requested would be useful to the agency or prosecutor in their 13 enforcement efforts. When any real property returned to seizing agency is sold by the agency or its unit of government, 14 the proceeds of the sale shall be delivered to the Director and 15
- 17 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

distributed in accordance with Section 124B 715.

19 (725 ILCS 5/124B-715)

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Sec. 124B-715. Distribution of all other property and sale proceeds. All moneys and the sale proceeds of all property forfeited and seized under this Part 700 and not returned to a seizing agency or prosecutor under subsection (c) of Section 124B-705 shall be distributed to the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program

- 1 administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 3 (725 ILCS 5/124B-825)
- 4 Sec. 124B-825. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 5 After the deduction of all requisite expenses of administration
- and sale, all moneys and the sale proceeds of all other
- 7 property forfeited and seized under this Part 800 shall be
- 8 deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund the Attorney
- 9 General or State's Attorney shall distribute the proceeds of
- 10 the sale of forfeited property, along with any property
- 11 forfeited or seized, between participating law enforcement
- 12 agencies in equitable portions as determined by the court
- 13 entering the forfeiture order.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 15 (725 ILCS 5/124B-935)
- Sec. 124B-935. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 17 All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property
- 18 forfeited and seized under this Part 900 shall be deposited
- 19 into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund. distributed as
- 20 <del>follows:</del>
- 21 (1) 65% shall be distributed to the local, municipal,
- 22 county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies that
- 23 conducted or participated in the investigation resulting
- 24 in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable

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- (2) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted for use in the enforcement of laws, including laws governing animal fighting.
- (3) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Illinois

  Department of Agriculture for reimbursement of expenses

  incurred in the investigation, prosecution, and appeal of

  cases arising under laws governing animal fighting.
- (4) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State

  Police for expenses related to the administration and sale

  of seized and forfeited property.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 20 (725 ILCS 5/124B-1040)

Sec. 124B-1040. Distribution of property from sale of proceeds. The proceeds of any sale of property, after payment of all liens and deduction of the reasonable charges and expenses incurred by the investigating law enforcement agency in storing and selling the property, shall be deposited into

- 1 the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund paid into the general fund
- 2 of the level of government responsible for the operation of the
- 3 investigating law enforcement agency.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13.)
- 5 (725 ILCS 5/124B-1030 rep.)
- 6 Section 210. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is
- 7 amended by repealing Section 124B-1030.
- 8 Section 215. The Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act is
- 9 amended by changing Sections 2, 3.5, 5, 8, 9, and 10 and by
- 10 adding Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.1, 5.2, 9.5, 15, 16, 17, 18,
- 11 19, and 20 as follows:
- 12 (725 ILCS 150/2) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1672)
- 13 Sec. 2. Legislative Declaration. The General Assembly
- 14 finds that the civil forfeiture of property which is used or
- 15 intended to be used in, is attributable to or facilitates the
- 16 manufacture, sale, transportation, distribution, possession or
- 17 use of substances in certain violations of the Illinois
- 18 Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the
- 19 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act will have
- 20 a significant beneficial effect in deterring the rising
- 21 incidence of the abuse and trafficking of such substances
- 22 within this State. While forfeiture may secure for State and
- 23 local units of government some resources for deterring drug

abuse and drug trafficking, forfeiture is not intended to be an 1 2 alternative means of funding the administration of criminal justice. The General Assembly further finds that the federal 3 narcotics civil forfeiture statute upon which this Act is based 4 5 has been very successful in deterring the use and distribution 6 of controlled substances within this State and throughout the 7 country. It is therefore the intent of the General Assembly 8 that the forfeiture provisions of this Act be construed in 9 light of the federal forfeiture provisions contained in 21 10 U.S.C. 881 as interpreted by the federal courts, except to the 11 extent that the provisions of this Act expressly differ 12 therefrom.

- 13 (Source: P.A. 94-556, eff. 9-11-05.)
- 14 (725 ILCS 150/3.1 new)
- 15 Sec. 3.1. Seizure.

- 16 (a) Seizure of real property subject to forfeiture under this Act requires a court order. A court may issue an order to 17 18 seize or secure real property for which forfeiture is sought only after proper notice to property owners and an opportunity 19 for a contested hearing to determine the sufficiency of 20 21 probable cause for the seizure. Nothing in this subsection (a) 22 prohibits the prosecuting authority from seeking a lis pendens 23 or restraining order to hinder the sale or destruction of the 24 real property.
  - (b) Personal property subject to forfeiture under the

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1	Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act,
2	the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the
3	Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act may be
4	seized by the Director of State Police or any peace officer
5	upon process or seizure warrant issued by any court having
6	jurisdiction over the property.
7	(c) Personal property subject to forfeiture under the
8	Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act,
9	the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the
10	Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act may be
11	seized by the Director of State Police or any peace officer
12	without process:
13	(1) if the seizure is incident to inspection under ar
14	administrative inspection warrant;
15	(2) if the property subject to seizure has been the
16	subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a
17	criminal proceeding or in an injunction or forfeiture
18	proceeding based upon this Act;
19	(3) if there is probable cause to believe that the
20	property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or
21	safety;
22	(1) if there is probable cause to believe that the

(4) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, and

1	the property is seized under circumstances in which a
2	warrantless seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
3	(5) under the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.
4	(d) When a conveyance is seized under this Act, ar
5	investigation shall be made by the law enforcement agency as to
6	any person whose right, title, interest, or lien is of record
7	in the office of the agency or official in which title or
8	interest to the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.
9	(e) After seizure under this Section, notice shall be giver
10	to all known interest holders that forfeiture proceedings,
11	including a preliminary review, may be instituted under this
12	Act.
13	(725 ILCS 150/3.2 new)
14	Sec. 3.2. Receipt for seized property. If a law enforcement
15	officer seizes property that is subject to forfeiture, the
16	officer shall provide an itemized receipt to the persor

officer seizes property that is subject to forfeiture, the officer shall provide an itemized receipt to the person possessing the property or, in the absence of a person to whom the receipt could be given, shall leave the receipt in the place where the property was found, if possible.

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21 <u>Sec. 3.3. Safekeeping of seized property pending</u>
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(a) Property seized under this Act is deemed to be in the custody of the seizing agency subject only to the order and

1	judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the
2	forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's
3	Attorney under this Act.
4	(b) When property is seized under this Act, the seizing
5	agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized
6	property and estimate the property's value, and shall:
7	(1) place the property under seal;
8	(2) remove the property to a place designated by the
9	seizing agency;
10	(3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing
11	agency;
12	(4) remove the property to a storage area for
13	safekeeping;
14	(5) place the property under constructive seizure by
15	posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving
16	notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest
17	holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any
18	appropriate public record relating to the property; or
19	(6) provide for another agency or custodian, including
20	an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of
21	the property upon the terms and conditions set by the
22	seizing agency.
23	(c) Property seized under this Act shall be kept by the
24	custodian in a manner to protect it from theft or damage and,
25	if ordered by the court, insured against those risks.

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- 1 (725 ILCS 150/3.5)
- 2 Sec. 3.5. Preliminary Review.
- 3 (a) Within 14 days of the seizure, the State shall seek a 4 preliminary determination from the circuit court as to whether 5 there is probable cause that the property may be subject to 6 forfeiture.
- 7 (b) The rules of evidence shall not apply to any proceeding conducted under this Section.
  - (c) The court may conduct the review under subsection (a) simultaneously with a proceeding pursuant to Section 109-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for a related criminal offense if a prosecution is commenced by information or complaint.
  - (d) The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a preliminary hearing following the filing of an information or complaint charging a related criminal offense or following the return of indictment by a grand jury charging the related offense as sufficient evidence of probable cause as required under subsection (a).
  - (e) Upon making a finding of probable cause as required under this Section, the circuit court shall order the property subject to the provisions of the applicable forfeiture Act held until the conclusion of any forfeiture proceeding.
  - For seizures of conveyances, at any time after within 7 days of a finding of probable cause under subsection (a) but at least 60 days before the trial of the forfeiture case, the

- registered owner or other claimant may file a motion in writing supported by sworn affidavits claiming that denial of the use of the conveyance during the pendency of the forfeiture proceedings creates a substantial hardship. The court shall consider the following factors in determining whether a substantial hardship has been proven:
  - (1) the nature of the claimed hardship;
  - (2) the availability of public transportation or other available means of transportation; and
  - (3) any available alternatives to alleviate the hardship other than the return of the seized conveyance.

If the court determines that a substantial hardship has been proven, the court shall then balance the nature of the hardship against the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance. If the court determines that the hardship outweighs the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance, the court may temporarily release the conveyance to the registered owner or the registered owner's authorized designee, or both, until the conclusion of the forfeiture proceedings or for such shorter period as ordered by the court provided that the person to whom the conveyance is released provides proof of insurance and a valid driver's license and all State and local registrations for operation of the conveyance are current. The court may shall place conditions on the conveyance limiting its use to the stated hardship and restricting the conveyance's use to only those individuals authorized to use the conveyance by

the registered owner. The court <u>may</u> shall revoke the order releasing the conveyance and order that the conveyance be reseized by law enforcement if the conditions of release are violated or if the conveyance is used in the commission of any offense identified in subsection (a) of Section 6-205 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

If the court orders the release of the conveyance during the pendency of the forfeiture proceedings, the registered owner or his or her authorized designee shall post a cash security with the Clerk of the Court as ordered by the court. The court shall consider the following factors in determining the amount of the cash security:

- (A) the full market value of the conveyance;
- 14 (B) the nature of the hardship;
- 15 (C) the extent and length of the usage of the
- 16 conveyance; and
- 17 (D) such other conditions as the court deems necessary
  18 to safeguard the conveyance.

If the conveyance is released, the court shall order that the registered owner or his or her designee safeguard the conveyance, not remove the conveyance from the jurisdiction, not conceal, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the conveyance, not encumber the conveyance, and not diminish the value of the conveyance in any way. The court shall also make a determination of the full market value of the conveyance prior to it being released based on a source or sources defined in 50

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Ill. Adm. Code 919.80(c)(2)(A) or 919.80(c)(2)(B).

If the conveyance subject to forfeiture is released under this Section and is subsequently forfeited, the person to whom the conveyance was released shall return the conveyance to the law enforcement agency that seized the conveyance within 7 days from the date of the declaration of forfeiture or order of forfeiture. If the conveyance is not returned within 7 days, the cash security shall be forfeited in the same manner as conveyance subject to forfeiture. If the cash security was less than the full market value, a judgment shall be entered against the parties to whom the conveyance was released and the registered owner, jointly and severally, for the difference between the full market value and the amount security. If the conveyance is returned in a condition other than the condition in which it was released, the cash security shall be returned to the surety who posted the security minus the amount of the diminished value, and that amount shall be forfeited in the same manner as the conveyance subject forfeiture. Additionally, the court may enter an order allowing any law enforcement agency in the State of Illinois to seize the conveyance wherever it may be found in the State to satisfy the judgment if the cash security was less than the full market value of the conveyance. (Source: P.A. 97-544, eff. 1-1-12; 97-680, eff. 3-16-12.)

25 (725 ILCS 150/5) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1675)

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Sec. 5. Notice to State's Attorney. The law enforcement agency seizing property for forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act shall, as soon as practicable but not later than 48 hours after the within 52 days of seizure, notify the State's Attorney for the county in which an act or omission giving rise to the seizure forfeiture occurred or in which the property was seized of the seizure of the property and the facts and circumstances giving rise to the seizure and shall provide the State's Attorney with the inventory of the property and its estimated value. When the property seized for forfeiture is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency seizing the property shall immediately notify the Secretary of State that forfeiture proceedings are pending regarding such vehicle.

- 16 (Source: P.A. 94-556, eff. 9-11-05.)
- 17 (725 ILCS 150/5.1 new)
- 18 Sec. 5.1. Replevin hearing.
- (a) At any time following the seizure of property under
  this Act, but at least 60 days prior to trial of the forfeiture
  case, any person who claims an ownership interest in property
  seized under this Act may claim the right to possession of the
  property by motion to the court to issue a writ of replevin.
  The movant shall file a motion establishing the validity of his

or her alleged interest in the property.

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1	(b) The court shall hear the motion no more than 30 days
2	after the motion is filed.
3	(c) If the motion for replevin is heard prior to the
4	preliminary review under Section 3.5 of this Act, the State
5	shall file an answer showing probable cause for the seizure at
6	least 10 days before the hearing.
7	(d) Either party may, by agreement or for good cause, move
8	the court for one extension of no more than 10 days. The motion
9	may be supported by affidavits or other submissions.
10	(e) The court shall issue a writ of replevin if it finds
11	<pre>that:</pre>
12	(1) it is likely the final judgment will require the
13	State to return the property to the claimant; or
14	(2) the property is the only reasonable means for the
15	person claiming an ownership interest in the property to
16	pay for legal representation in the forfeiture proceeding.
17	At the court's discretion under subsection (b) of this
18	Section, it may order the return of funds or property
19	sufficient to obtain legal counsel but less than the total
20	amount seized, and require an accounting.
21	(725 ILCS 150/5.2 new)
22	Sec. 5.2. Complaint of forfeiture.

(a) If the State's Attorney in the county in which the

seizure occurs finds that the alleged violation of law giving

rise to the seizure was incurred without willful negligence or

without any intention on the part of the owner of the property
to violate the law, or finds the existence of mitigating
circumstances as to justify remission of the forfeiture, he or
she shall cause the law enforcement agency having custody of
the property to return the property to the owner within a
reasonable time not to exceed 5 days. The State's Attorney
shall exercise his or her discretion prior to or promptly after
the preliminary review under Section 3.5 of this Act.

- (b) If, after review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture and the State's Attorney does not cause the forfeiture to be remitted under subsection (a) of this Section, he or she shall bring an action for forfeiture in the circuit court within whose jurisdiction the seizure and confiscation has taken place by filing a complaint of forfeiture proceedings as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days after a finding of probable cause at a preliminary review under Section 3.5 of this Act. A complaint of forfeiture proceeding shall include:
  - (1) a description of the property seized;
  - (2) the date and place of seizure of the property;
- 22 (3) the name and address of the law enforcement agency
  23 making the seizure;
  - (4) the specific statutory and factual grounds for the seizure;
  - (5) whether the property was seized under an order of

1	seizure, and if the property was seized without an order of
2	seizure, an affidavit from a law enforcement officer
3	stating the factual and legal grounds for the seizure;
4	(6) in the complaint caption and in the complaint, the
5	names of persons known to the State who may claim an
6	interest in the property and the basis for each person's
7	alleged interest; and
8	(7) a summary of procedures and procedural rights
9	applicable to the forfeiture action.
10	(c) The complaint shall be served upon the person from whom
11	the property was seized and all persons known or reasonably
12	believed by the State to claim an interest in the property,
13	under Article II, Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
14	(725 ILCS 150/8) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1678)
15	Sec. 8. Exemptions from forfeiture.
16	(a) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft used by
17	any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business
18	as that common carrier may be forfeited under this Act unless
19	the State proves by clear and convincing evidence that:
20	(1) in the case of a railway car or engine, the owner,
21	<u>or</u>
22	(2) in the case of any other vessel or watercraft,
23	vehicle, or aircraft, the owner or the master of the vessel
24	or watercraft or the owner or conductor, driver, pilot, or
25	other person in charge of the vehicle or aircraft was at

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- (b) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft shall be forfeited under this Act by reason of any act or omission committed or omitted by any person other than the owner while the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft was unlawfully in the possession of a person who acquired possession of the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft in violation of the criminal laws of the United States, or of any state.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the property of an innocent owner shall not be forfeited under this Act. No property interest shall be subject to forfeiture under this Act unless the State proves by clear and convincing evidence that the underlying violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, or the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act was committed with the knowledge and consent of the owner.
- (d) Homesteaded real property, a motor vehicle of less than \$10,000 in market value, or United States currency totaling \$200 or less is not subject to forfeiture under this Act.
- A property interest is exempt from forfeiture under this Section if its owner or interest holder establishes by a preponderance of evidence that the owner or interest holder:
- (A) (i) in the case of personal property, is not legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture, did

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- (ii) in the case of real property, is not legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture, or did not solicit, conspire, or attempt to commit the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture; and
- (B) had not acquired and did not stand to acquire substantial proceeds from the conduct giving rise to its forfeiture other than as an interest holder in an arms length commercial transaction; and
- (C) with respect to conveyances, did not hold the property jointly or in common with a person whose conduct gave rise to the forfeiture; and
- (D) does not hold the property for the benefit of or as nominee for any person whose conduct gave rise to its forfeiture, and, if the owner or interest holder acquired the interest through any such person, the owner or interest holder acquired it as a bona fide purchaser for value without knowingly taking part in the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture; and
- (E) that the owner or interest holder acquired the interest:
- (i) before the commencement of the conduct giving rise to its forfeiture and the person whose conduct gave rise to its forfeiture did not have the authority to convey the interest to

a bona fide purchaser for value at the time of the conduct; or

(ii) after the commencement of the conduct giving rise to its forfeiture, and the owner or interest holder acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured creditor, lienholder, or bona fide purchaser for value without knowledge of the conduct which gave rise to the forfeiture; and

(a) in the case of personal property, without knowledge of the seizure of the property for forfeiture; or

(b) in the case of real estate, before the filing in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the county in which the real estate is located of a notice of seizure for forfeiture or a lis pendens notice.

13 (Source: P.A. 86-1382.)

14 (725 ILCS 150/9) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1679)

Sec. 9. Judicial in rem procedures. The If property seized under the provisions of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act is non real property that exceeds \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or is real property, or a claimant has filed a claim and a cost bond under subsection (C) of Section 6 of this Act, the following judicial in rem procedures shall apply to property seized under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act:

(A) A judgment of forfeiture requires as a condition
precedent that a defendant be convicted in an underlying or
related criminal action of an offense under the Illinois
Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the
Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the Methamphetamine
Control and Community Protection Act for which forfeiture is
authorized. The court may waive the conviction requirement if
the State shows by clear and convincing evidence that the
defendant:
(i) died;

- (ii) was deported by the United States government;
- (iii) is granted immunity in exchange for testifying or

  otherwise assisting a law enforcement investigation or

  prosecution; or
  - (iv) fled the jurisdiction after being charged with an offense for which forfeiture is authorized and released on bail. A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Act regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.
  - (B) The court shall stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Food,

Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act. The stay is not available pending an appeal. Property subject to forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act is not subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of the property unless the return or release is consented to by the State's Attorney. Upon dismissal of all related criminal proceedings underlying the alleged violation of this Article giving rise to forfeiture, the State's Attorney shall immediately move for dismissal of the forfeiture action. ÷

(A) If, after a review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture, then within 45 days of the receipt of notice of seizure by the seizing agency or the filing of the claim and cost bond, whichever is later, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial forfeiture proceedings by filing a verified complaint for forfeiture and, if the claimant has filed a claim and cost bond, by depositing the cost bond with the clerk of the court. When authorized by law, a forfeiture must be ordered by a court on an action in rem brought by a State's Attorney under a verified complaint for forfeiture.

(B) During the probable cause portion of the judicial in

rem proceeding wherein the State presents its case-in-chief,
the court must receive and consider, among other things, all
relevant hearsay evidence and information. The laws of evidence
relating to civil actions shall apply to all other portions of
the indicial in rem proceeding.

- (C) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may file an answer asserting a claim against the property in the action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. A person not named in the forfeiture complaint who claims to have an interest in the property may petition to intervene as a claimant under Section 2-408 of the Code of Civil Procedure. If a claimant is financially unable to obtain representation by counsel, the court may appoint counsel to represent that person in the forfeiture proceeding.
- (D) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest holder under penalty of perjury and must set forth:
  - (i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the claimant;
- 20 (ii) the address at which the claimant will accept
  21 mail;
- 22 (iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's interest 23 in the property;
- 24 (iv) the date, identity of transferor, and 25 circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the 26 interest in the property;

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- (vi) the specific provisions of Section 8 of this Act relied on in asserting it is <u>exempt from</u> not subject to forfeiture, if applicable;
- 6 (vii) all essential facts supporting each assertion;
  7 and
  - (viii) the precise relief sought.
  - (E) The answer must be filed with the court within 45 days after service of the civil in rem complaint.
  - (F) The <u>trial</u> hearing must be held within 60 days after filing of the answer unless continued for good cause.
  - (G) The State shall have the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the property is subject to forfeiture show the existence of probable cause for forfeiture of the property. If the State shows probable cause, the claimant has the burden of showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the claimant's interest in the property is not subject to forfeiture.
  - (H) If the State does not meet its burden of proof show existence of probable cause or a claimant has established by a preponderance of evidence that the claimant has an interest that is exempt under Section 8 of this Act, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property forfeited to the State. If the State does show existence of probable cause and

the claimant does not establish by a preponderance of evidence that the claimant has an interest that is exempt under Section 8 of this Act, the court shall order all property forfeited to the State.

- order the property forfeited to the State. A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Act regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.
- (J) (Blank). An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding shall not preclude civil proceedings under this Act, however, for good cause shown, on a motion by the State's Attorney, the court may stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act. Such a stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject to forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of such property unless such return or

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## release is consented to by the State's Attorney.

- Provisional title to all All property declared (K) forfeited under this Act vests in this State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any Any such property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to forfeiture and thereafter shall be ordered forfeited unless the transferee claims and establishes in a hearing under the provisions of this Act that the transferee's interest is exempt under Section 8 of this Act. A claimant who acquired, as a transferee, an ownership interest in property that is the subject of forfeiture proceedings under this Act after the commission of the underlying violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, or the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, shall be barred from asserting that his or her interest in the property is exempt from forfeiture under subsection (c) of Section 8 of this Act, unless the claimant shows by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured creditor, lienholder, or bona fide purchaser, without knowledge of the seizure of the property and without notice of any defect in title.
  - (L) A civil action under this Act must be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to forfeiture became

- 1 known or should have become known or 5 years after the
- 2 forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later,
- 3 excluding any time during which either the property or claimant
- 4 is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal
- 5 proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.
- 6 (M) A claimant is not jointly and severally liable for
- forfeiture awards owed by other claimants. If ownership is
- 8 unclear, a court may order each claimant to forfeit property on
- 9 <u>a pro rata basis or by another means the court finds equitable.</u>
- 10 (Source: P.A. 94-556, eff. 9-11-05.)
- 11 (725 ILCS 150/9.5 new)
- 12 Sec. 9.5. Proportionality hearing.
- 13 (a) If property has been declared forfeited under Section 9
- of this Act as an instrumentality of a drug offense, a
- defendant may, within 30 days of the effective date of the
- 16 notice of the declaration of forfeiture, petition the court
- 17 that the forfeiture is grossly disproportional to the
- 18 seriousness of the offense. The claimant shall bear the burden
- 19 of persuasion by a preponderance of the evidence at a hearing
- 20 conducted by the court without a jury. In determining whether
- 21 the forfeiture of an instrumentality is excessive, the court
- 22 may consider all relevant factors, including, but not limited
- 23 to:
- 24 <u>(1) the seriousness of the offense and its impact on</u>
- 25 the community, including the duration of the activity and

1	the harm caused by the claimant;
2	(2) the extent to which the claimant participated in
3	the offense;
4	(3) the extent to which the property was used in
5	committing the offense;
6	(4) the sentence imposed for committing the crime
7	subject to forfeiture; and
8	(5) whether the offense was completed or attempted.
9	(b) In determining the value of the instrumentality subject
10	to forfeiture, the court may consider all relevant factors,
11	including, but not limited to:
12	(1) the fair market value of the property;
13	(2) the value of the property to the claimant,
14	including hardship to the claimant if the forfeiture is
15	realized; and
16	(3) the hardship from the loss of a primary residence,
17	motor vehicle, or other property to the claimant's family
18	members or others if the property is forfeited.
19	(c) The court may not consider the monetary value of the
20	instrumentality to the State in determining whether the
21	forfeiture of an instrumentality is disproportional to the
22	seriousness of the offense.
23	(d) If the claimant prevails in a proportionality hearing
24	under this Section, the court may order the property, or a
25	portion of the property, returned or conveyed to the claimant
26	as the court deems just.

- 1 (725 ILCS 150/10) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1680)
- 2 Sec. 10. Stay of time periods. If property is seized for
- 3 evidence and for forfeiture, the time periods for instituting
- 4 judicial and non judicial forfeiture proceedings shall not
- 5 begin until the property is no longer necessary for evidence.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 86-1382.)
- 7 (725 ILCS 150/15 new)
- 8 Sec. 15. Return of property; damages and costs.
- 9 (a) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of
- 10 property seized for forfeiture shall return to the claimant,
- 11 within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 5 days after
- 12 the court orders the property to be returned or conveyed to the
- 13 claimant:
- 14 (1) property ordered by the court to be conveyed or
- returned to the claimant under paragraph (H) of Section 9
- of this Act; and
- (2) property ordered by the court to be conveyed or
- 18 returned to the claimant under subsection (d) of Section
- 19 9.5 of this Act.
- 20 (b) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of
- 21 property described in subsection (a) of this Section is
- 22 <u>responsible for any damages, storage fees, and related costs</u>
- 23 applicable to property returned. The claimant is not subject to
- 24 any charges by the State for storage of the property or

1 expenses incurred in the preservation of the property.

- 2 (725 ILCS 150/16 new)
- 3 Sec. 16. Abandoned property. Abandoned property shall be
- 4 delivered to the Department of State Police within 30 days. For
- 5 purposes of this Section, "abandoned property" means personal
- 6 property left by an owner who intentionally relinquishes all
- 7 rights to its control. Real property may not be abandoned.
- 8 (725 ILCS 150/17 new)
- 9 <u>Sec. 17. Distribution of proceeds; selling or retaining</u>
- seized property prohibited.
- 11 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the court
- shall order that property forfeited under this Act be delivered
- 13 to the Department of State Police within 30 days.
- 14 (b) Upon motion, the court may order that a portion of the
- 15 currency seized or proceeds from public auction be used to pay
- reasonable non-personnel expenses of the seizure, storage, and
- maintenance of custody of any forfeited items.
- 18 (c) The Department of State Police or its designee shall
- dispose of all non-currency forfeited and abandoned property at
- 20 public auction. The auction proceeds and forfeited currency
- 21 shall first be used to pay all outstanding recorded liens on
- the forfeited property, then to comply with an order of the
- 23 court to pay reasonable non-personnel expenses under
- 24 subsection (b) of this Section, with all remaining funds to be

- deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund.
- 2 (d) A law enforcement agency shall not retain forfeited or
- 3 abandoned property for its own use or transfer the property to
- 4 any employee of the agency, to a person related to an employee
- 5 by blood or marriage, or to another law enforcement agency.
- 6 (725 ILCS 150/18 new)
- 7 Sec. 18. Transfer of forfeitable property to federal
- 8 government.
- 9 (a) No State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency,
- 10 or prosecuting authority may enter into an agreement to
- 11 transfer or refer seized property to a federal agency directly,
- indirectly, by adoption, through an intergovernmental joint
- 13 taskforce, or by other means for the purposes of forfeiture
- 14 litigation, and instead shall refer the seized property to
- 15 appropriate local or State prosecuting authorities for
- 16 forfeiture litigation under this Act, unless the seized
- 17 property includes U.S. currency in excess of \$100,000.
- 18 (b) If the seized property includes U.S. currency in excess
- of \$100,000, a State, county, or municipal law enforcement
- agency may refer or transfer the seized property to a federal
- 21 agency for forfeiture litigation under federal law, but nothing
- in this Section shall be construed to require a referral or
- 23 transfer.
- 24 (c) Nothing in subsections (a) or (b) of this Section shall
- 25 be construed to restrict a State, county, or municipal law

- 1 <u>enforcement agency from collaborating with a federal agency to</u>
- 2 seize contraband or property that the law enforcement agency
- 3 has probable cause to believe is the proceeds or instruments of
- 4 a crime by adoption, through an intergovernmental joint
- 5 taskforce, or by other means.
- 6 (725 ILCS 150/19 new)
- 7 Sec. 19. Disposition of property and proceeds from another
- 8 jurisdiction.
- 9 (a) Forfeited property received from another jurisdiction,
- including the federal government, must be transferred to the
- 11 Department of State Police, sold at public auction by the
- 12 Department of State Police or its designee and deposited into
- the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund.
- 14 (b) Proceeds from the sale of forfeited property received
- from another jurisdiction, including the federal government,
- 16 must be transferred to the Department of State Police and
- 17 deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund.
- 18 (c) If federal law prohibits compliance with subsections
- 19 (a) and (b) of this Section, State and local law enforcement
- 20 agencies are prohibited from seeking or accepting forfeited
- 21 property or proceeds from the federal government.
- 22 (725 ILCS 150/20 new)
- Sec. 20. Reporting. Property seized or forfeited under this
- 24 Act is subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture

## 1 Reporting Act.

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2 (725 ILCS 150/4 rep.)
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- 3 (725 ILCS 150/6 rep.)
- 4 (725 ILCS 150/7 rep.)
- 5 (725 ILCS 150/14 rep.)
- 6 Section 220. The Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act is
- 7 amended by repealing Sections 4, 6, 7, and 14.
- 8 Section 225. The Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act is amended
- 9 by changing Section 5 and by adding Section 6.5 as follows:
- 10 (725 ILCS 175/5) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1655)
- 11 Sec. 5. (a) A person who commits the offense of narcotics
- 12 racketeering shall:
- 13 (1) be guilty of a Class 1 felony; and
- 14 (2) be subject to a fine of up to \$250,000.
- 15 A person who commits the offense of narcotics racketeering
- or who violates Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act
- shall forfeit to the State of Illinois: (A) any profits or
- 18 proceeds and any property or property interest he has acquired
- or maintained in violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug
- 20 Paraphernalia Control Act or has used to facilitate a violation
- of this Act that the court determines, after a forfeiture
- 22 hearing, under subsection (b) of this Section to have been
- 23 acquired or maintained as a result of narcotics racketeering or

violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act, or used to facilitate narcotics racketeering; and (B) any interest in, security of, claim against, or property or contractual right of any kind affording a source of influence over, any enterprise which he has established, operated, controlled, conducted, or participated in the conduct of, in violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act, that the court determines, after a forfeiture hearing, under subsection (b) of this Section to have been acquired or maintained as a result of narcotics racketeering or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act or used to facilitate narcotics racketeering.

(b) The court shall, upon petition by the Attorney General or State's Attorney, at any time subsequent to the filing of an information or return of an indictment, conduct a hearing to determine whether any property or property interest is subject to forfeiture under this Act. At the forfeiture hearing the people shall have the burden of establishing, by clear and convincing a preponderance of the evidence, that property or property interests are subject to forfeiture under this Act. There is a rebuttable presumption at such hearing that any property or property interest of a person charged by information or indictment with narcotics racketeering or who is convicted of a violation of Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act is subject to forfeiture under this Section if the State establishes by clear and convincing a preponderance of

## the evidence that:

- (1) such property or property interest was acquired by such person during the period of the violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act or within a reasonable time after such period; and
- (2) there was no likely source for such property or property interest other than the violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act.
- (c) In an action brought by the People of the State of Illinois under this Act, wherein any restraining order, injunction or prohibition or any other action in connection with any property or property interest subject to forfeiture under this Act is sought, the circuit court which shall preside over the trial of the person or persons charged with narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act shall first determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the person or persons so charged has committed the offense of narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or a violation of Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act and whether the property or property interest is subject to forfeiture pursuant to this Act.

In order to make such a determination, prior to entering any such order, the court shall conduct a hearing without a jury, wherein the People shall establish that there is: (i) probable cause that the person or persons so charged have

committed the offense of narcotics racketeering or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act and (ii) probable cause that any property or property interest may be subject to forfeiture pursuant to this Act. Such hearing may be conducted simultaneously with a preliminary hearing, if the prosecution is commenced by information or complaint, or by motion of the People, at any stage in the proceedings. The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a preliminary hearing following the filing of an information charging the offense of narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or the return of an indictment by a grand jury charging the offense of narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or after a charge is filed for violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act as sufficient evidence of probable cause as provided in item (i) above.

Upon such a finding, the circuit court shall enter such restraining order, injunction or prohibition, or shall take such other action in connection with any such property or property interest subject to forfeiture under this Act, as is necessary to insure that such property is not removed from the jurisdiction of the court, concealed, destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the owner of that property or property interest prior to a forfeiture hearing under subsection (b) of this Section. The Attorney General or State's Attorney shall file a certified copy of such restraining order, injunction or other prohibition with the recorder of deeds or registrar of titles

of each county where any such property of the defendant may be located. No such injunction, restraining order or other prohibition shall affect the rights of any bona fide purchaser, mortgagee, judgment creditor or other lien holder arising prior to the date of such filing.

The court may, at any time, upon verified petition by the defendant, conduct a hearing to release all or portions of any such property or interest which the court previously determined to be subject to forfeiture or subject to any restraining order, injunction, or prohibition or other action. The court may release such property to the defendant for good cause shown and within the sound discretion of the court.

- (d) Prosecution under this Act may be commenced by the Attorney General or a State's Attorney.
- (e) Upon an order of forfeiture being entered pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section, the court shall authorize the Attorney General to seize any property or property interest declared forfeited under this Act and under such terms and conditions as the court shall deem proper. Any property or property interest that has been the subject of an entered restraining order, injunction or prohibition or any other action filed under subsection (c) shall be forfeited unless the claimant can show by a preponderance of the evidence that the property or property interest has not been acquired or maintained as a result of narcotics racketeering or has not been used to facilitate narcotics racketeering.

- (f) The Attorney General or his designee is authorized to sell all property forfeited and seized pursuant to this Act, unless such property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and, after the deduction of all requisite expenses of administration and sale, shall distribute the proceeds of such sale, along with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance with subsection (g) or (h), whichever is applicable.
- (g) All monies and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized pursuant to this Act shall be <u>deposited</u> into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund. distributed as follows:
  - (1) An amount equal to 50% shall be distributed to the unit of local government whose officers or employees conducted the investigation into narcotics racketeering and caused the arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the forfeiture. Amounts distributed to units of local government shall be used for enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol. In the event, however, that the investigation, arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the forfeiture were undertaken solely by a State agency, the portion provided hereunder shall be paid into the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund in the State treasury to be used for enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity.

(2) An amount equal to 12.5% shall be distributed to the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

An amount equal to 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund, which is hereby created in the State treasury, to be used by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for additional expenses incurred in prosecuting appeals arising under this Act. Any amounts remaining in the Fund after all additional expenses have been paid shall be used by the Office to reduce the participating county contributions to the Office on a pro rated basis as determined by the board of governors of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor based on the populations of the participating counties.

(3) An amount equal to 25% shall be paid into the Drug
Traffic Prevention Fund in the State treasury to be used by
the Department of State Police for funding Metropolitan
Enforcement Groups created pursuant to the
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remaining in the Fund after full funding of Metropolitan Enforcement Groups shall be used for enforcement, by the State or any unit of local government, of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

- (h) Where the investigation or indictment for the offense of narcotics racketeering or a violation of Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act has occurred under the provisions of the Statewide Grand Jury Act, all monies and the sale proceeds of all other property shall be distributed as follows:
  - 60% shall be distributed (1)(Blank). metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies which conducted or participated in the investigation resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law on which the forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or

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- (2) 25% shall be distributed by the Attorney General as grants to drug education, treatment and prevention programs licensed or approved by the Department of Human Services. In making these grants, the Attorney General shall take into account the plans and service priorities of, and the needs identified by, the Department of Human Services.
- (3) 75% shall be deposited into the Asset Forfeiture Proceeds Fund. 15% shall be distributed to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney, if any, participating in the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation in the prosecution of the offense, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total amount of time spent in preparing and presenting the case, the complexity of the case and other similar factors. Amounts distributed to the Attorney General under this paragraph shall be retained in a fund held by the State Treasurer as ex-officio custodian to be designated as the Statewide Grand Jury Prosecution Fund and paid out upon the direction of the Attorney General for expenses incurred in criminal prosecutions arising under the Statewide Grand Jury Act. Amounts distributed to a State's Attorney shall be deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the

- State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws
  governing narcotics activity or for public education in the
  community or schools in the prevention or detection of the
  abuse of drugs or alcohol.
- (i) (Blank). All monies deposited pursuant to this Act in 5 the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund established under Section 6 7 5 9 1.2 of the Unified Code of Corrections are appropriated, on a continuing basis, to the Department of State Police to be 8 9 used for funding Metropolitan Enforcement Groups created 10 pursuant to the Intergovernmental Drug Laws Enforcement Act or otherwise for the enforcement of laws governing narcotics 11 12 activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol. 13 (Source: P.A. 99-686, eff. 7-29-16.) 14
- 15 (725 ILCS 175/6.5 new)
- Sec. 6.5. Reporting. Property seized or forfeited under
  this Article is subject to reporting under the Seizure and
  Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- Section 230. The Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus

  Prevention Act is amended by changing Section 40 as follows:
- 21 (740 ILCS 147/40)
- Sec. 40. Forfeiture Contraband.
- 23 (a) The following are subject to seizure or forfeiture

declared to be contraband and no person shall have a property

interest in them:

- (1) any property that is directly or indirectly used or intended for use in any manner to facilitate streetgang related activity; and
- (2) any property constituting or derived from gross profits or other proceeds obtained from streetgang related activity.
- (b) Property subject to forfeiture under this Section may be seized under the procedures under Section 36-2.1 of the Criminal Code of 2012, except that seizure of real property may occur only under a court order issued after proper notice to property owners and an opportunity for a contested hearing to determine the sufficiency of probable cause for the seizure.

  Nothing in this subsection (b) prohibits the prosecuting attorney from seeking a lis pendens or restraining order to hinder the sale or destruction of real property.
- (c) The State's Attorney may initiate forfeiture proceedings under the procedures in Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012. The State shall bear the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the property was acquired through a pattern of streetgang related activity with the knowledge and consent of the owner.
- (d) Property forfeited under this Section shall be disposed of under Section 36-7 of the Criminal Code of 2012 for the forfeiture of vehicles, vessels, and aircraft.

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- (e) Property seized or forfeited under this Section is subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act. Within 60 days of the date of the seizure of contraband under this Section, the State's Attorney shall initiate forfeiture proceedings as provided in Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012. An owner or person who has a lien on the property may establish as a defense to the forfeiture of property that is subject to forfeiture under this Section that the owner or lienholder had no knowledge that the property was acquired through a pattern of streetgang related activity. Property that is forfeited under this Section shall be disposed of as provided in Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012 for the forfeiture of vehicles, vessels, and aircraft. The proceeds of the disposition shall be paid to the Cang Violence Victims and Witnesses Fund to be used to assist in the prosecution of gang crimes.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- Section 235. The Illinois Securities Law of 1953 is amended by changing Section 11 as follows:
- 20 (815 ILCS 5/11) (from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 137.11)
- Sec. 11. Duties and powers of the Secretary of State.
- A. (1) The administration of this Act is vested in the Secretary of State, who may from time to time make, amend and rescind such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry

out this Act, including rules and regulations governing procedures of registration, statements, applications and reports for various classes of securities, persons and matters within his or her jurisdiction and defining any terms, whether or not used in this Act, insofar as the definitions are not inconsistent with this Act. The rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of State under this Act shall be effective in the manner provided for in the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

- (2) Among other things, the Secretary of State shall have authority, for the purposes of this Act, to prescribe the form or forms in which required information shall be set forth, accounting practices, the items or details to be shown in balance sheets and earning statements, and the methods to be followed in the preparation of accounts, in the appraisal or valuation of assets and liabilities, in the determination of depreciation and depletion, in the differentiation of recurring and non-recurring income, in the differentiation of investment and operating income, and in the preparation of consolidated balance sheets or income accounts of any person, directly or indirectly, controlling or controlled by the issuer, or any person under direct or indirect common control with the issuer.
- (3) No provision of this Act imposing any liability shall apply to any act done or omitted in good faith in conformity with any rule or regulation of the Secretary of State under

- this Act, notwithstanding that the rule or regulation may, after the act or omission, be amended or rescinded or be determined by judicial or other authority to be invalid for any reason.
  - (4) The Securities Department of the Office of the Secretary of State shall be deemed a criminal justice agency for purposes of all federal and state laws and regulations and, in that capacity, shall be entitled to access to any information available to criminal justice agencies and has the power to appoint special agents to conduct all investigations, searches, seizures, arrests, and other duties imposed under the provisions of any law administered by the Department. The special agents have and may exercise all the powers of peace officers solely for the purpose of enforcing provisions of this Act.

The Director must authorize to each special agent employed under this Section a distinct badge that, on its face, (i) clearly states that the badge is authorized by the Department and (ii) contains a unique and identifying number.

Special agents shall comply with all training requirements established for law enforcement officers by provisions of the Illinois Police Training Act.

(5) The Secretary of State, by rule, may conditionally or unconditionally exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions from any provision of Section 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a, or 9 of this Act

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or of any rule promulgated under these Sections, to the extent that such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, and is consistent with the protection of investors.

B. The Secretary of State may, anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, require financial statements and reports of the issuer, dealer, Internet portal, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative as often as circumstances may warrant. In addition, the Secretary of State may secure information or books and records from or through others and may make or cause to be made investigations respecting the business, affairs, and property of the issuer of securities, any person involved in the sale or offer for sale, purchase or offer to purchase of any mineral investment contract, mineral deferred delivery contract, or security and dealers. Internet portals, salespersons, investment advisers, and investment adviser representatives that are registered or are the subject of an application registration under this Act. The costs of an investigation shall be borne by the registrant or the applicant, provided that the registrant or applicant shall not be obligated to pay the costs without his, her or its consent in advance.

C. Whenever it shall appear to the Secretary of State, either upon complaint or otherwise, that this Act, or any rule or regulation prescribed under authority thereof, has been or is about to be violated, he or she may, in his or her discretion, do one or more of the following:

- (1) require or permit the person to file with the Secretary of State a statement in writing under oath, or otherwise, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning the subject matter which the Secretary of State believes to be in the public interest to investigate, audit, examine, or inspect;
- (2) conduct an investigation, audit, examination, or inspection as necessary or advisable for the protection of the interests of the public; and
- investigations, searches, seizures, arrests, and other duties imposed under the provisions of any law administered by the Department. The Director must authorize to each investigator employed under this Section a distinct badge that, on its face, (i) clearly states that the badge is authorized by the Department and (ii) contains a unique and identifying number.
- D. (1) For the purpose of all investigations, audits, examinations, or inspections which in the opinion of the Secretary of State are necessary and proper for the enforcement of this Act, the Secretary of State or a person designated by him or her is empowered to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, take evidence, and require, by subpoena or other lawful means provided by this Act or the rules adopted by the Secretary of State, the production of any books and records, papers, or other documents which the Secretary of

- State or a person designated by him or her deems relevant or material to the inquiry.
  - (2) The Secretary of State or a person designated by him or her is further empowered to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, take evidence, and require the production of any books and records, papers, or other documents in this State at the request of a securities agency of another state, if the activities constituting the alleged violation for which the information is sought would be in violation of Section 12 of this Act if the activities had occurred in this State.
  - (3) The Circuit Court of any County of this State, upon application of the Secretary of State or a person designated by him or her may order the attendance of witnesses, the production of books and records, papers, accounts and documents and the giving of testimony before the Secretary of State or a person designated by him or her; and any failure to obey the order may be punished by the Circuit Court as a contempt thereof.
  - (4) The fees of subpoenaed witnesses under this Act for attendance and travel shall be the same as fees of witnesses before the Circuit Courts of this State, to be paid when the witness is excused from further attendance, provided, the witness is subpoenaed at the instance of the Secretary of State; and payment of the fees shall be made and audited in the same manner as other expenses of the Secretary of State.
    - (5) Whenever a subpoena is issued at the request of a

- complainant or respondent as the case may be, the Secretary of

  State may require that the cost of service and the fee of the

  witness shall be borne by the party at whose instance the

  witness is summoned.
  - (6) The Secretary of State shall have power at his or her discretion, to require a deposit to cover the cost of the service and witness fees and the payment of the legal witness fee and mileage to the witness served with subpoena.
  - (7) A subpoena issued under this Act shall be served in the same manner as a subpoena issued out of a circuit court.
  - (8) The Secretary of State may in any investigation, audits, examinations, or inspections cause the taking of depositions of persons residing within or without this State in the manner provided in civil actions under the laws of this State.
    - E. Anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding:
    - (1) If the Secretary of State shall find that the offer or sale or proposed offer or sale or method of offer or sale of any securities by any person, whether exempt or not, in this State, is fraudulent, or would work or tend to work a fraud or deceit, or is being offered or sold in violation of Section 12, or there has been a failure or refusal to submit any notification filing or fee required under this Act, the Secretary of State may by written order prohibit or suspend the offer or sale of securities by that person or deny or revoke the registration of the securities

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or the exemption from registration for the securities.

- (2) If the Secretary of State shall find that any person has violated subsection C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, or K of Section 12 of this Act, the Secretary of State may by written order temporarily or permanently prohibit or suspend the person from offering or selling any securities, any mineral investment contract, or any mineral deferred delivery contract in this State, provided that any person who is the subject of an order of permanent prohibition may petition the Secretary of State for a hearing to present evidence of rehabilitation or change in circumstances justifying the amendment or termination of the order of permanent prohibition.
- (3) If the Secretary of State shall find that any person is engaging or has engaged in the business of selling or offering for sale securities as a dealer, Internet portal, or salesperson or is acting or has acted adviser, investment investment adviser as an representative, or federal covered investment adviser, without prior thereto and at the time thereof having complied with the registration or notice filing requirements of this Act, the Secretary of State may by written order prohibit or suspend the person from engaging in the business of selling or offering for sale securities, or acting as an investment adviser, investment adviser representative, or federal covered investment adviser, in

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- (4) In addition to any other sanction or remedy contained in this subsection E, the Secretary of State, after finding that any provision of this Act has been violated, may impose a fine as provided by rule, regulation or order not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation of this Act, may issue an order of public censure against the violator, and may charge as costs of investigation all reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and witness fees.
- F. (1) The Secretary of State shall not deny, suspend or revoke the registration of securities, suspend or revoke the registration of a dealer, Internet portal, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, prohibit or suspend the offer or sale of any securities, prohibit or suspend any person from offering or selling any securities in this State, prohibit or suspend a dealer or salesperson from engaging in the business of selling or offering for sale securities, prohibit or suspend a person from acting as an investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, impose any fine for violation of this Act, issue an order of public censure, or enter into an agreed settlement except after an opportunity for hearing upon not less than 10 days notice given by personal service or registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person or persons concerned. Such notice

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- shall state the date and time and place of the hearing and shall contain a brief statement of the proposed action of the Secretary of State and the grounds for the proposed action. A failure to appear at the hearing or otherwise respond to the allegations set forth in the notice of hearing shall constitute an admission of any facts alleged therein and shall constitute sufficient basis to enter an order.
  - Anything herein contained the contrary (2) to notwithstanding, the Secretary of State may temporarily prohibit or suspend, for a maximum period of 90 days, by an order effective immediately, the offer or sale or registration of securities, the registration of a dealer, Internet portal, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment representative, or the offer or sale of securities by any person, or the business of rendering investment advice, without the notice and prior hearing in this subsection prescribed, if the Secretary of State shall in his or her opinion, based on credible evidence, deem it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of this Act or to prevent losses to investors which the Secretary of State reasonably believes will occur as a result of a prior violation of this Act. Immediately after taking action without such notice and hearing, the Secretary of State shall deliver a copy of the temporary order to the respondent named therein by personal service or registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested. The temporary order shall set forth the grounds for the action and shall

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advise that the respondent may request a hearing, that the request for a hearing will not stop the effectiveness of the temporary order and that respondent's failure to request a hearing within 30 days after the date of the entry of the temporary order shall constitute an admission of any facts alleged therein and shall constitute sufficient basis to make the temporary order final. Any provision of this paragraph (2) to the contrary notwithstanding, the Secretary of State may not pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph (2) suspend the registration of а dealer, limited Canadian dealer, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative based upon sub-paragraph (n) of paragraph (l) of subsection E of Section 8 of this Act or revoke the registration of securities or revoke the registration of any dealer, salesperson, investment adviser representative, or investment adviser.

(3) The Secretary of State may issue a temporary order suspending or delaying the effectiveness of any registration of securities under subsection A or B of Section 5, 6 or 7 of this Act subsequent to and upon the basis of the issuance of any stop, suspension or similar order by the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the securities which are the subject of the registration under subsection A or B of Section 5, 6 or 7 of this Act, and the order shall become effective as of the date and time of effectiveness of the Securities and Exchange Commission order and shall be vacated

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- automatically at such time as the order of the Securities and Exchange Commission is no longer in effect.
  - (4) When the Secretary of State finds that an application for registration as a dealer, Internet portal, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative should be denied, the Secretary of State may enter an order denying the registration. Immediately after taking such action, the Secretary of State shall deliver a copy of the order to the respondent named therein by personal service or registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested. The order shall state the grounds for the action and that the matter will be set for hearing upon written request filed with the Secretary of State within 30 days after the receipt of the request by the respondent. The respondent's failure to request a hearing within 30 days after receipt of the order shall constitute an admission of any facts alleged therein and shall make the order final. If a hearing is held, the Secretary of State shall affirm, vacate, or modify the order.
  - (5) The findings and decision of the Secretary of State upon the conclusion of each final hearing held pursuant to this subsection shall be set forth in a written order signed on behalf of the Secretary of State by his or her designee and shall be filed as a public record. All hearings shall be held before a person designated by the Secretary of State, and appropriate records thereof shall be kept.
    - (6) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Secretary of State,

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after notice and opportunity for hearing, may at his or her discretion enter into an agreed settlement, stipulation or consent order with a respondent in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The provisions of the agreed settlement, stipulation or consent order shall have the full force and effect of an order issued by the Secretary of State.

(7) Anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever the Secretary of State finds that a person is currently expelled from, refused membership in or association with, or limited in any material capacity by a self-regulatory organization registered under the Federal 1934 Act or the Federal 1974 Act because of a fraudulent or deceptive act or a practice in violation of a rule, regulation, or standard duly promulgated by the self-regulatory organization, the Secretary of State may, at his or her discretion, enter a Summary Order of Prohibition, which shall prohibit the offer or sale of any securities, mineral investment contract, or mineral deferred delivery contract by the person in this State. The order shall take effect immediately upon its entry. Immediately after taking the action the Secretary of State shall deliver a copy of the order to the named Respondent by personal service or registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested. A person who is the subject of an Order of Prohibition may petition the Secretary of State for a hearing to present evidence of rehabilitation or change in circumstances

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- justifying the amendment or termination of the Order of Prohibition.
  - G. No administrative action shall be brought by the Secretary of State for relief under this Act or upon or because of any of the matters for which relief is granted by this Act after the earlier to occur of (i) 3 years from the date upon which the Secretary of State had notice of facts which in the exercise of reasonable diligence would lead to actual knowledge of the alleged violation of the Act, or (ii) 5 years from the date on which the alleged violation occurred.
    - Η. The action of the Secretary of State in denying, suspending, or revoking the registration of a dealer, Internet portal, limited Canadian dealer, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, in prohibiting any person from engaging in the business of offering or selling securities as dealer, limited Canadian dealer, salesperson, in prohibiting or suspending the offer or sale of securities by any person, in prohibiting a person from acting as an investment adviser, federal covered investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, in denying, suspending, or revoking the registration of securities, in prohibiting or suspending the offer or sale or proposed offer or sale of securities, in imposing any fine for violation of this Act, or in issuing any order shall be subject to judicial review in the Circuit Courts of Cook or Sangamon Counties in this State. The Administrative Review Law shall apply to and govern every

- action for the judicial review of final actions or decisions of the Secretary of State under this Act.
  - I. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act to the contrary, whenever it shall appear to the Secretary of State that any person is engaged or about to engage in any acts or practices which constitute or will constitute a violation of this Act or of any rule or regulation prescribed under authority of this Act, the Secretary of State may at his or her discretion, through the Attorney General take any of the following actions:
    - (1) File a complaint and apply for a temporary restraining order without notice, and upon a proper showing the court may enter a temporary restraining order without bond, to enforce this Act.
    - (2) File a complaint and apply for a preliminary or permanent injunction, and, after notice and a hearing and upon a proper showing, the court may grant a preliminary or permanent injunction and may order the defendant to make an offer of rescission with respect to any sales or purchases of securities, mineral investment contracts, or mineral deferred delivery contracts determined by the court to be unlawful under this Act.
    - (3) Seek the seizure of assets when probable cause exists that the assets were obtained by a defendant through conduct in violation of Section 12, paragraph F, G, I, J, K, or L of this Act, and thereby subject to a judicial

forfeiture hearing as required under this Act.

- (a) In the event that such probable cause exists that the subject of an investigation who is alleged to have committed one of the relevant violations of this Act has in his possession assets obtained as a result of the conduct giving rise to the violation, the Secretary of State may seek a seizure warrant in any circuit court in Illinois.
- (b) In seeking a seizure warrant, the Secretary of State, or his or her designee, shall submit to the court a sworn affidavit detailing the probable cause evidence for the seizure, the location of the assets to be seized, the relevant violation under Section 12 of this Act, and a statement detailing any known owners or interest holders in the assets.
- (c) Seizure of the assets shall be made by any peace officer upon process of the seizure warrant issued by the court. Following the seizure of assets under this Act and pursuant to a seizure warrant, notice of seizure, including a description of the seized assets, shall immediately be returned to the issuing court. Seized assets shall be maintained pending a judicial forfeiture hearing in accordance with the instructions of the court. Assets seized under this Section are subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

1	(d) In the event that management of seized assets
2	becomes necessary to prevent the devaluation,
3	dissipation, or otherwise to preserve the property,
4	the court shall have jurisdiction to appoint a
5	receiver, conservator, ancillary receiver, or
6	ancillary conservator for that purpose, as provided in
7	item (2) of this subsection.

- (4) Seek the forfeiture of assets obtained through conduct in violation of Section 12, paragraph F, G, H, I, J, K, or L when authorized by law. A forfeiture must be ordered by a circuit court or an action brought by the Secretary of State as provided for in this Act, under a verified complaint for forfeiture.
  - (a) In the event assets have been seized pursuant to this Act, forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted by the Attorney General within 45 days of seizure.
  - (b) Service of the complaint filed under the provisions of this Act shall be made in the manner as provided in civil actions in this State.
  - (c) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may file an answer asserting a claim against the property. For purposes of this Section, the owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant.
  - (d) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest holder under penalty of perjury and must set

1	forth:
2	(i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth
3	on the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of
4	the claimant;
5	(ii) the address at which the claimant will
6	accept mail;
7	(iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's
8	interest in the property;
9	(iv) the date, identity of the transferor, and
10	circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the
11	interest in the property;
12	(v) the name and address of all other persons
13	known to have an interest in the property;
14	(vi) the specific provisions of this Act
15	relied on in asserting that the property is not
16	subject to forfeiture;
17	(vii) all essential facts supporting each
18	assertion; and
19	(viii) the precise relief sought.
20	(e) The answer must be filed with the court within
21	45 days after service of the complaint.
22	(f) A property interest is exempt from forfeiture
23	under this Act if its owner or interest holder
24	establishes by a preponderance of evidence that the
25	owner or interest holder:
26	(i) is not legally accountable for the conduct

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giving rise to the forfeiture, did not acquiesce in 1 2 it, and did not know and could not reasonably have 3 known of the conduct or that the conduct was likely to occur; (ii) with respect to conveyances, did not hold 6 the property jointly or in common with a person 7 whose conduct gave rise to the forfeiture; (iii) does not hold the property for the 8 9 benefit of or as a nominee for any person whose conduct gave rise to its forfeiture and the owner 10 11 or interest holder acquires it as a bona fide 12 purchaser for value without knowingly taking part 13 in the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture; or 14 acquired the interest after (iv) 15 commencement of the conduct giving rise to its 16 forfeiture and the owner or interest holder 17 acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured 18 creditor, lienholder, or bona fide purchaser for 19 value without knowledge of the conduct that gave 20 rise to the forfeiture. 21 (g) The hearing must be held within 60 days after 22 the answer is filed unless continued for good cause. 23 During the probable cause portion of the 24 judicial in rem proceeding wherein the Secretary of

State presents its case-in-chief, the court must

receive and consider, among other things, any relevant

hearsay evidence and information. The laws of evidence relating to civil actions shall apply to all other portions of the judicial in rem proceeding.

- (i) The Secretary of State shall show the existence of probable cause for forfeiture of the property. If the Secretary of State shows probable cause, the claimant has the burden of showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the claimant's interest in the property is not subject to forfeiture.
- (j) If the Secretary of State does not show the existence of probable cause or a claimant has an interest that is exempt under subdivision I (4)(d) of this Section, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property forfeited to the Secretary of State pursuant to all provisions of this Act. If the Secretary of State does show the existence of probable cause and the claimant does not establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the claimant has an interest that is exempt under subsection D herein, the court shall order all the property forfeited to the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of the Secretary.
- (k) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which

the defendant was convicted in any proceeding for violations of the Act giving rise to forfeiture of property herein regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.

- (1) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding for violations of the Act giving rise to the forfeiture of property herein shall not preclude civil proceedings under this provision; however, for good cause shown, on a motion by the Secretary of State, the court may stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging violation of the provisions of Section 12 of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953. Property subject to forfeiture under this Section shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of the property unless the return or release is consented to by the Secretary of State.
- (m) All property declared forfeited under this Act vests in the State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Any such property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to forfeiture and thereafter shall be ordered forfeited unless the transferee claims and establishes

in a hearing under the provisions of this Act that the transferee's interest is exempt under the Act. Any assets forfeited to the State shall be disposed of in following manner:

- (i) all forfeited property and assets shall be liquidated by the Secretary of State in accordance with all laws and rules governing the disposition of such property;
- (ii) the Secretary of State shall provide the court at the time the property and assets are declared forfeited a verified statement of investors subject to the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture;
- (iii) after payment of any costs of sale, receivership, storage, or expenses for preservation of the property seized, other costs to the State, and payment to claimants for any amount deemed exempt from forfeiture, the proceeds from liquidation shall be distributed pro rata to investors subject to the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture; and
- (iv) any proceeds remaining after all verified investors have been made whole shall be distributed 50% 25% to the Securities Investors Education Fund and 50% 7 25% to the Securities Audit and Enforcement Fund, 25% to the Attorney

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charges for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture, and 25% to other law enforcement agencies participating in the investigation of the criminal charges for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture. In the event that no other law enforcement agencies are involved in the investigation of the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture. In the event that no other law enforcement agencies are involved in the forfeiture, then the portion to other law enforcement agencies shall be distributed to the Securities Investors Education Fund.

The Secretary of State shall notify by (n) certified mail, return receipt requested, all known investors in the matter giving rise to the forfeiture of the forfeiture proceeding and sale of assets forfeited arising from the violations of this Act, and shall further publish notice in a paper of general circulation in the district in which the violations were prosecuted. The notice to investors shall identify the name, address, and other identifying information about any defendant prosecuted for violations of this Act that resulted in forfeiture and sale of property, the offense for which the defendant convicted, and that the court has ordered forfeiture and sale of property for claims of investors who incurred losses or damages as a result of the

violations. Investors may then file a claim in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State in order to share in disbursement of the proceeds from sale of the forfeited property. Investor claims must be filed with the Secretary of State within 30 days after receipt of the certified mail return receipt, or within 30 days after the last date of publication of the general notice in a paper of general circulation in the district in which the violations were prosecuted, whichever occurs last.

- (o) A civil action under this subsection must be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to the forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later, excluding time during which either the property or claimant is out of this State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.
- (p) If property is seized for evidence and for forfeiture, the time periods for instituting judicial forfeiture proceedings shall not begin until the property is no longer necessary for evidence.
- (q) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Secretary of State and a claimant of forfeitable property may enter into an agreed-upon settlement

concerning the forfeitable property in such an amount and upon such terms as are set out in writing in a settlement agreement.

(r) Nothing in this Act shall apply to property that constitutes reasonable bona fide attorney's fees paid to an attorney for services rendered or to be rendered in the forfeiture proceeding or criminal proceeding relating directly thereto when the property was paid before its seizure and before the issuance of any seizure warrant or court order prohibiting transfer of the property and when the attorney, at the time he or she received the property, did not know that it was property subject to forfeiture under this Act.

The court shall further have jurisdiction and authority, in addition to the penalties and other remedies in this Act provided, to enter an order for the appointment of the court or a person as a receiver, conservator, ancillary receiver or ancillary conservator for the defendant or the defendant's assets located in this State, or to require restitution, damages or disgorgement of profits on behalf of the person or persons injured by the act or practice constituting the subject matter of the action, and may assess costs against the defendant for the use of the State; provided, however, that the civil remedies of rescission and appointment of a receiver, conservator, ancillary receiver or ancillary conservator shall not be available against any person by reason of the failure to

- 1 file with the Secretary of State, or on account of the contents
- of, any report of sale provided for in subsection G or P of
- 3 Section 4, paragraph (2) of subsection D of Sections 5 and 6,
- 4 or paragraph (2) of subsection F of Section 7 of this Act.
- 5 Appeals may be taken as in other civil cases.

## I-5. Property forfeited under this Section is subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

- J. In no case shall the Secretary of State, or any of his or her employees or agents, in the administration of this Act, incur any official or personal liability by instituting an injunction or other proceeding or by denying, suspending or revoking the registration of a dealer or salesperson, or by denying, suspending or revoking the registration of securities or prohibiting the offer or sale of securities, or by suspending or prohibiting any person from acting as a dealer, limited Canadian dealer, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative or from offering or selling securities.
- K. No provision of this Act shall be construed to require or to authorize the Secretary of State to require any investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser engaged in rendering investment supervisory services to disclose the identity, investments, or affairs of any client of the investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser, except insofar as the disclosure may be necessary or appropriate in a particular proceeding or investigation having

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- 1 as its object the enforcement of this Act.
- 2 Whenever, after an examination, investigation or L. 3 hearing, the Secretary of State deems it of public interest or advantage, he or she may certify a record to the State's 5 Attorney of the county in which the act complained of, examined or investigated occurred. The State's Attorney of that county 6 7 within 90 days after receipt of the record shall file a written statement at the Office of the Secretary of State, which 8 9 statement shall set forth the action taken upon the record, or 10 if no action has been taken upon the record that fact, together 11 with the reasons therefor, shall be stated.
- M. The Secretary of State may initiate, take, pursue, or prosecute any action authorized or permitted under Section 6d of the Federal 1974 Act.
  - N. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, to encourage uniform interpretation, administration, and enforcement of the provisions of this Act, the Secretary of State may cooperate with the securities agencies administrators of one or more states, Canadian provinces or territories, or another country, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, any self-regulatory organization, and any governmental law enforcement or regulatory agency.
  - (2) The cooperation authorized by paragraph (1) of this subsection includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1	(a) establishing or participating in a central		
2	depository or depositories for registration under this Act		
3	and for documents or records required under this Act;		
4	(b) making a joint audit, inspection, examination, or		
5	investigation;		
6	(c) holding a joint administrative hearing;		
7	(d) filing and prosecuting a joint civil or criminal		
8	<pre>proceeding;</pre>		
9	(e) sharing and exchanging personnel;		
10	(f) sharing and exchanging information and documents;		
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12	(g) issuing any joint statement or policy.		

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